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PM calls for 'a fracking revolution' in hunt for more power

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IT WAS the moment for green energy to shine as the biggest offshore wind farm in the world, 12 miles off the Kent coast, opened with a high profile fanfare.

But as renewable energy chiefs raised a glass in celebration, Prime Minster David Cameron – while rejoicing the London Array project – outlined his hopes for a fracking revolution in the UK to "balance" the energy industry.

Speaking to KoS at the official opening of the London Array offshore wind farm, at Margate's Turner Contemporary on Thursday, Mr Cameron discussed the potential opportunities of using the controversial shale gas extraction technique, stating it should be "encouraged".

He suggested the UK should follow the lead of the United States, where fracking has taken off – but which critics blame for problems such as earth tremors and contamination of water supplies.

There are two potential fracking sites in Kent.

Opponents also say the contentious method – which involves blasting fluids underground to break apart rocks and release gas – will lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and go against the Government's green energy policy.

Mr Cameron stressed the government was a big supporter of renewable energy.

But when pushed by reporters on whether this should be the main focus for future supplies, he admitted the industry needed more than just wind.

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Picture: LONDON ARRAY



CONTROVERSIAL: David Cameron has said he believes fracking should be encouraged

WEATHER

Crowds flock as sun shines

WE'VE certainly waited long enough and now it seems the summer has finally arrived.

And that will mean big crowds heading to our coastal towns this weekend.

Which will be music to the ears of traders who have found their takings washed away by non-stop gloom. **PAGE 3**

MEMORIAL

Final farewell to cricket hero

FRIENDS, fans and family united at Canterbury Cathedral this week to celebrate the life of one of Kent's all-time cricketing heroes in a special, emotional service.

Mike Denness led the side during its hey-day in the 1970s. He lost a fight against cancer in April. He was 72. **PAGE 7**

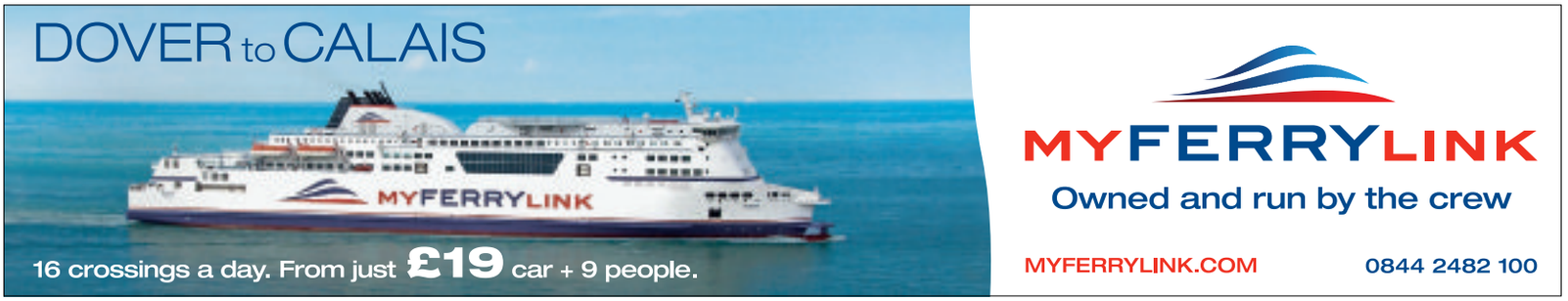
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Centres face the KCC axe

SOME 23 children's centres face an uncertain future after being earmarked for closure in a bid to save money.

Kent County Council unveiled its proposals, which aim to make £1.5m savings.

Find out which centres are at risk, and what it means to you, inside. **PAGE 11**



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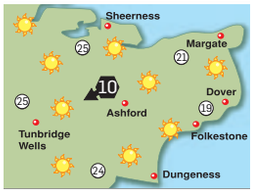
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TODAY: Warm and dry with sunny skies. A gentle north-easterly breeze. Max temp 23-26C (73-79F). **TONIGHT:** Dry with clear skies. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	11.33	6.2	23.48	6.2
Margate	00.09	4.4	12.32	4.4
St Mary's	05.01	5.0	17.20	5.2

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Max 24C	Min 11C
Tuesday	Max 24C	Min 11C
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ENERGY

Green MEP to show film to fuel fight against shale gas

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"It's not the whole answer to the energy needs of the UK, but it's part of it and Britain has a very clear, very predictable and very understandable set of rules for renewable energy," he said.

"It means international investors are coming here to build and that means jobs and green energy, which means secure supplies for the future."

But he stressed the Government was also a big supporter of gas.

"We have to recognise that a fracking revolution has taken place in the US and we ought to be thinking about it here," he said.

"Recent reports have shown we may have twice as much shale gas as previously thought and so this is an industry we should be encouraging.

"But we want to make sure it's an industry we encourage for community benefit as well."

He said the Government had recently set out that for each fracking well there needed to be at least £100,000 for the community as an incentive.

Mr Cameron added there needed to be a "balanced energy picture" which should also include nuclear.

None of this bodes well for those opposed to fracking.

Supporters, however, say fracking will lead to reduced electricity bills, create jobs and make the UK less reliant on other countries for energy supplies.

Two sites are currently the focus of fracking in Kent; land by the A257 and A256, north of Woodnesborough, near Sandwich, and Cowden, near Tunbridge Wells.

Cowden has already seen test drilling taking place in 2010, by energy company Cuadrilla – the firm behind the drilling in Blackpool which is believed to have been responsible for two minor earthquakes.

In east Kent, Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd was given the green light by planning chiefs at Kent County Council to carry out exploratory work near Woodnesborough, although a temporary ban – later lifted on the understanding safety procedures were in place – meant so far no such work has taken place.

Mr Cameron's comments came as Green Party MEP for the south east, Keith Taylor, announced he would be touring the area with a film examining the potential impacts fracking could have if it takes off in Kent.

Drill Baby Drill, by Lech Kowalski, tells the story of the impact on an ecologically pristine agricultural area in Poland and illustrates some of the major concerns surrounding fracking.

Mr Taylor said: "It shows us communities have had their water contaminated and their air polluted.

"It also shows the ruthlessness of fracking companies who are willing to drill at any cost, despite opposition from communities.

"But the film also tells an inspirational story of communities that have, and will continue to, fight against fracking and win."

Mr Taylor accused the Government of being "hell-bent" on carving up the countryside in the "dash for gas".

"The fact there is more shale gas in the UK than we thought doesn't mean we should burn it," he added.



FILM SCREENINGS

Empire Cinema
Delf Street, Sandwich
Friday, July 12, 6.30pm

The Gulbenkian,
University of Kent
at Canterbury
Saturday, July 13, 1.30pm

"Indeed if we're serious about meeting our climate change obligations than we should be directing more money towards community-owned renewables rather than giving tax breaks to corporations wanting to frack in our countryside."

Mr Taylor will introduce the screenings and campaign group, East Kent Against Fracking (EKAF), is due to speak.

■ **See inside for more on the official opening of London Array.**

COMING UP IN THE NEXT MONTH



Convertibles
July 14
Is there a better way to enjoy the summer by putting the roof down and hitting the road? We look at the convertible for you.



Oyster Festival
July 21
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BUSINESS

Sunny outlook for struggling firms as summer eases frozen cash flow

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BUSINESSES across the county are crossing their fingers the predicted heatwave this month delivers both soaring temperatures and big crowds, after the long cold winter and wet spring leaves them teetering on the brink of financial meltdown.

The Met Office says temparatures could soar as high as 30-degrees this weekend and that the warm weather could be here to stay – or at least for the next few weeks.

It comes as a huge boost after one of the coldest, longest winters on record.

But while most of us have craved sun, for many the good weather is essential to get crowds flocking to tourist attractions or the seaside and, importantly, spending money.

Carole Partington works at Margate's Kiss Me Quick traditional sweet shop, recently featured in Mary Portas' TV show about the town.

She said: "This heatwave can't come quickly enough. I just hope the weathermen have got it right and are not just saying it to keep us happy.

"We haven't had a great summer so far and that has threatened to put a lot of people out of business. This weather will help them turn it all around, hopefully."

Thousands are expected to flock to the coastal towns this weekend to enjoy the improved weather, with warnings of congestion on the main coast roads.

Visit Kent, which champions the county as a tourism spot, said: "Kent's tourism industry is gearing up to take advantage of the hot weather over the next two weeks. We expect our seaside resorts, outdoor attractions and particularly gardens to do well during this period. It will be a welcome relief to many tourism businesses after a cold and wet first half of the year."



SUMMERTIME: The good weather is bringing people out of their homes, giving firms a welcome boost

A spokesman for Dover Castle added: "We're gearing up for our summer programme so a heat wave now would be an added bonus."

The only cloud on the horizon comes from the police, warning the sunshine can also bring out criminals.

A spokesman warned: "Beaches in Kent are safe places and we would advise people to keep their belongings safe by not leaving them unattended. Don't leave valuables in view or easy reach, keep them in a bag or on your person.

"Make sure your children are closely supervised in and around the water and remind older children of the dangers of 'tomb-stoning' where they jump from harbour walls or cliff tops and risk serious injury by landing on rocks.

"Finally, don't forget the sun screen and plenty of water to prevent dehydration."

■ **Recession? What recession? Why travel agents are cashing in on our desire for guaranteed sun – see story inside.**

ESPIONAGE

Snowden's Kent helper

US WHISTLEBLOWER Edward Snowden has been joined in hiding by a former Sevenoaks public schoolgirl, it has emerged.

Sarah Harrison, who went to Sevenoaks School, now works as a trusted advisor to Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. She was sent to assist Snowden as the US steps up pressure to catch him. He is believed to be in Russia.

Her parents, who still live in Kent, said they were proud of her but worried for her safety.

CRIME

Warning of cop hoax

FRAUDSTERS claiming to impersonate police officers before demanding victims remove thousands of pounds from their bank accounts, have targeted people across the county.

Reports near Sevenoaks and Ashford say phone calls were received claiming to be from the Serious Fraud Squad and providing a number to phone their bank. Police are investigating.

HISTORY

War shelter is opened

A 100m-long bomb shelter with tunnel-shaped classrooms was opened to visitors for the first time since 1945 last weekend.

The opening coincided with the 125th anniversary celebrations of Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, who invited former students back to celebrate the event last Saturday.

ENTERTAINMENT

Rolling Stones keep up momentum of Glastonbury with Hyde Park gigs

JUST a week after their Glastonbury Festival performance was hailed as a triumph, Darford rockers the Rolling Stones return to the big stage this weekend.

The group play two huge outdoor shows at London's Hyde Park – one on Saturday night and the other next Saturday.

Both dates saw tickets sell out in minutes as fans looked to secure their chance to see the legendary band.

They didn't come cheap either. The lowest priced were £95 with those closest to the stage rising to £299.

In total, some 130,000 will attend the shows which is the estimated crowd at last weekend's Glastonbury Festival, when Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood played to what was believed to be the biggest single crowd in the event's history.



HALF A CENTURY: The Rolling Stones have been going 50 years

The band treated the audience to a slew of their greatest hits – including Jumpin' Jack Flash, Sympathy for the Devil, Miss You and Satisfaction.

It was the band's first ever appearance at Glastonbury in their 50 year career.

Not only did it attract a huge crowd at the site, but some 2.6 million tuned in to watch the BBC's coverage of the set, while another 700,000 went online and viewed coverage via the BBC's iPlayer service.

The Rolling Stones were formed when Mick Jagger bumped into old school chum Keith Richards at Dartford railway station and the pair decided to form a band.



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CONTEST

As winners celebrate, plans to hold 100-word contest next year begin

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WINNERS of the 100-word short-story competition gathered in Maidstone this week to receive their prizes.

The contest, supported by this newspaper, set the challenge of having to produce a compelling tale using no more than 100 words.

Nearly 2,000 entries were received across the age groups with winners selected by judges, which included Kent on Sunday.



We selected East Peckham Primary pupil Kiera Conrad-Pickles (pictured) and her story entitled The Bee as winner of the youngest age category. Other age groups were selected by organisers Kent County Council and book store Waterstones in Maidstone.

In all, four winners and seven of the eight runners-up made it to the Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone on Thursday to receive a certificate and book vouchers to mark their achievements.

Roger Gough, KCC cabinet member for education and health reform, said: "The competition has been all about creativity as well as being a chance for the council to champion literacy.

"We had entries from all ages, all the way from three to 92, and would like to congratulate them all.

"We are already starting to think about repeating the competition next year."

RETAIL

Rick Stein pulls out

TV CHEF Rick Stein has pulled out of a book signing at shopping complex Bluewater, scheduled for next weekend.

The popular star - currently appearing in a new BBC TV series following him on a tour of India - had been due at Waterstones to sign copies of his new book on July 13.

However, the store this week said due to "unforeseen circumstances" it was off, but hoped to reschedule.

AGRICULTURE

Ban Chinese lanterns

CHINESE lanterns should be banned in a bid to cut the risk of fires and the threat to property and livestock, says the south east branch of the Country Land & Business Association (CLA).

The call follows a huge blaze at a plastics factory in Smethwick in the Midlands, believed to have been caused by one of the floating sky lanterns.

A CLA director said: "There is no doubt they look impressive but they pose a real threat."



DEVELOPMENT

How do you house a without ruining the

Joe Bill investigates the council proposal to

Special KoS Report

THERE are few sights quite as awe-inspiring as the spires of Canterbury Cathedral stretching out into the sky above.

The home of the Church of England sits within pretty precincts, surrounded by historic parades of shops and alleyways, themselves lined by the ancient city walls.

And if you are lucky enough to have an aerial view, the city is surrounded in all directions by glorious, open, green fields.

Yet for every admiring glance that provides, for many there is now an anxious shiver down their spine.

Because the countryside to the south of the city, in particular, is facing a threat.

Like most other authorities in the county, Canterbury City Council is acutely aware of the need to help ease the housing crisis of an expanding population. And like most other populations, its solution has been met with fierce opposition.

The problem is that the arguments on both sides are compelling.

And in perhaps that most British of traditions, the battle for the future of the cathedral city is set to be waged during a consultation period into the Local Plan drawn up by the local authority.

In it are plans to build some 15,000-plus new homes in the district – which stretches up to and includes the coastal towns of Whistable and Herne Bay – over the next 17 years.

Led by civic group the Canterbury Society and supported by residents' associations and Protect Kent, the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, an alliance has been formed to oppose the plans.

But rather than simply object, it has drawn up its own plan – The Future of Our City: A Residents' Vision For Canterbury; a sophisticated counter proposal which it says puts forward an alternative. It outlines an option which would avoid a number of green field sites being built upon, including a large area of farmland in south Canterbury.

Brian Lloyd is a senior planner for Protect Kent. He explains: "This issue is very important because it determines what is going to happen in the Canterbury district for the next 20 years.

"When you look at the size of the district, this proposal represents a 26 per cent increase in the amount of houses we already have.

"They have identified some very large strategic sites; in south Canterbury with 4,000 houses, four sites around Herne Bay which will account for 2,800 dwellings, 400 at Whitstable, 1,000 at Sturry and 800 at Hersden.

"Well over 60 per cent of it is going to be on big green field sites. That is of real concern. Most of that land is farmland and high quality agricultural land. That land will be lost for farming purposes and the need for us to provide for a growing population."

John Gilbey is leader of Canterbury City Council. He insists the plan put forward is the result of years of detailed analysis and that the council finds itself between a rock and hard place in balancing a desire not to develop on unsuitable sites but needing to find somewhere to build much-needed new homes.

"You can't just say no," he says. "If you say no just simply because of where something is, that isn't going to work because those houses have got to be put somewhere else. We have spent four-and-a-half years as a working group, as officers and as the council looking at this and we know that basically there aren't many options.

"We have rejected some sites because we felt they were totally unsuitable. We made the decision that what we have got is by far and away the best we can do.

"If during the consultation people can find an alternative then fine. We will look at everything that comes in from the consultation and if there is a genuine other option we will look at it.

"This is the third comprehensive Local Plan and each one has caused its problems. I understand that and I understand why.

"There is limited land area available in the district and one third of it comes under an area of outstanding natural beauty.

"The inspector will make the final decision, but there is a long way to go yet."





BALANCING ACT: As an attractive place to live and work Canterbury is a popular city, meaning homes have to be built, but at what cost?

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growing population charm of the city?

build 15,000 homes and the public opposition



THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

Canterbury City Council is no stranger to having its plans chewed up and spat back at them by the local population in recent months.

Just last year it unleashed a highly controversial traffic plan around the historic Westgate Towers, with the aim of easing pollution at one of the city's pinch points and protecting the medieval gateway.

Traffic was blocked from driving through it and the area pedestrianised.

Approach roads were altered to allow for diversion routes.

But no sooner had the one-year trial period started, the backlash began. While many praised it, more complained of the traffic problems. What's more, they didn't lie down.

After months of a constant chorus of complaint, Kent County Council – which has control of the highways – stepped in and ordered the trial to end before the results could be examined.

The public spoke – the council was forced to listen.

Whether the same approach can alter the thinking of an issue with a far wider impact remains to be seen.

The residents' plan has won some powerful friends – among them TV star Griff Rhys Jones.

As president of the Civic Voice group, he describes their proposal as a "very important document for Canterbury... by people who have started to audit their own city... and ask the right questions".

He adds, perhaps a little diplomatically: "You may not agree with everything in this document – that is not the point. The point is that the debate is worth having."

Canterbury is not full of undeveloped sites. Howe Barracks is closing as a result of recent defence spending cut-backs, but there is an argument that the area could instead prove a vital site for an improved roads infrastructure to ease some of the bottlenecks the city can suffer at peak times.

Chairman of the Canterbury Society, Jan Pahl, says: "The main development of the houses are being planned for south Canterbury, but the main employer – the University of Kent – is in north Canterbury and the main transport hub – Canterbury West Station – is in north Canterbury. So therefore everybody will be traipsing across the city adding to the congestion and pollution."

Rick Norman is part of the North Canterbury Alliance of residents' associations. He believes the plans could jeopardise the city's traditional trump cards.

"One of Canterbury's biggest assets is that it is an attractive place to live and work," he explains. "The worry is that this kind of development will undermine precisely that asset.

"There are good things in the plan about tackling the problem of traffic congestion and possible ways ahead, but the worry is that the proposed development will go against all of that – so there are deep contradictions within the plan."

The council's Local Plan consultation runs until late August.

REDEVELOPMENT

As asbestos is cleared, hopes grow old cinema will finally disappear

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EYE-SORE: Old ABC cinema

HOPES of the bulldozers finally moving in to flatten one of Tunbridge Wells' most infamous eye-sores took a step forward this week as work began on clearing asbestos from the site.

The process is set to take some 10 weeks, but once the potentially dangerous material is removed it will mean there are no further hold-ups to pulling down the old cinema site in the very heart of the town.

It has stood empty since it closed down in 2000 when owners Odeon built an out-of-town multiplex and planners slapped a covenant on the site preventing it from being re-opened as a cinema.

But after a host of false dawns as developers moved in then fell victim to the economy, the new owners - a joint venture between investors the Carlyle Group and developers Bellhouse Joseph - say work to pull the site down will only get under way once new tenants - thought to be a supermarket or hotel - are in place.

Which means the town may not see the back of the old buildings quite yet.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council leader David Jukes said: "Let's hope that this is the beginning of the end of the derelict site.

"Certainly the initiative in taking out the asbestos heralds the start of the process of demolition and perhaps we can look forward to a planning application for their intentions in the very near future."

MUSIC

Festival boost from Glasto

LOUNGE on the Farm organisers are hoping to cash in on the feel good factor of last weekend's Glastonbury Festival as it prepares to welcome thousands to Merton Farm in Canterbury.

The eagerly anticipated event takes place over the weekend of July 26-28 and features the likes of Jessie Ware and Seasick Steve, fresh from their Glastonbury slots.

EVENT

Bid to break world record

AN ATTEMPT will be made to break a world record later this month as a village fete attempts to get the most number of people making a sandwich simultaneously.

The current record is 254 held by sandwich chain Subway in New York. But the Rusthall fete, near Tunbridge Wells, on July 13, hopes to write its name into the Guinness Book of Records.

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MEMORIAL

Sporting greats join family and friends to celebrate the life of legendary cricketer

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FRIENDS, players and fans gathered to celebrate the life of one of Kent's best-loved cricket heroes this week, with a special service at Canterbury Cathedral.

The sporting world mourned the loss of Mike Denness after he passed away in May following a battle against cancer.

The only Scot to have captained England, he also led the county team to some of its most remarkable triumphs during the side's 1970s hey-day.

Among those delivering the speeches at the cathedral on Monday were former Kent and England skipper Chris Cowdrey, Mr Denness' former team-mate and West Indies star John Shepherd. and Bob 'the Cat' Bevan.

Mr Bevan was nominated as president of the county side by his friend Mr Denness.

Tragically, Mr Denness died just days before his reign as president ended.

Others attending included TV and radio star Chris Tarrant, former Kent and England stars Richard Ellison, Derek Underwood and Min Patel, and Kent's current captain, James Tredwell.



IN MEMORY: From left, Chris Cowdrey, John Shepherd, Derek Underwood, TV's Chris Tarrant, Richard Ellison and James Tredwell were among the congregation paying tribute to former player and president of Kent cricket Mike Denness (above)



COURT

Six burglary charges

A 37-year-old appeared before magistrates this week charged with a string of offences including theft and drugs.

William Leonard Rye, of Vicarage Lane, East Farleigh, was charged with six counts of burglary, attempted theft, going equipped for theft and production of cannabis.

He appeared before Maidstone magistrates and was released on bail. He will appear before Maidstone Crown Court for a plea and case management hearing on July 19.

CRIME

Teen faces courtroom

A TEENAGE boy will appear before magistrates again on Thursday charged with burglaries in Maidstone and Sevenoaks.

The 16-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is charged with a burglary in Otford, burglary and theft of a car in Maidstone, and a public order offence in Riverhead.

EDUCATION

Invited to police cells

POLICE have been inviting youngsters to experience life in a cell in a bid to reduce alcohol-fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour.

Officers at Dover police station invited youngsters from Dover Boys' Grammar School to see what it was like to be detained in a cell, while also trying out special 'beer goggles' to get a sense of what it's like being drunk.

COMMENT

Funding cuts will hurt the force, but I'll fight to keep police in public view

Police and Crime Commissioner **Ann Barnes** is under no illusions as to the impact George Osborne's 4.9 per cent cut will have, but is ready to tackle problem head on

THE Government has announced yet more cuts to the money it gives for policing in Kent. Chancellor George Osborne announced another swingeing 4.9 per cent cut in its spending review last week.

Some would argue that figure is better than it might have been, with other parts of the public sector suffering cuts of 10 per cent.

It's too early to say what the exact impact of the cuts will be, but I can say with the utmost certainty this loss of revenue will hurt.

The force is still working through the full impact and consequences of the 20 per cent reduction announced two years ago.

Those cuts alone will mean the loss of some 500 police officers and hundreds of civilian staff.

While the headline figure is 4.9 per cent, there are likely to be other changes in the future as to how National Insurance is charged to public services like the police, which will increase the impact of the cut.

So where do we go from here?

First, I still need you, the people of Kent, to stand with me in resisting even more cuts to the force budget in the future. It is vital we keep up the pressure on policymakers in London.

Second, I want to reassure you I am totally committed to working with the force to minimise the impact of the cuts. There will undoubtedly be very difficult decisions to make in the future.

However, you can be assured that I will leave no stone unturned in my quest to make sure that visible community policing is retained.

If we have to do things differently, we will.

If we have to challenge conventional wisdom, we will.

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Best wishes,
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A Canterbury doctor, Mark Hudson-Peacock, is introducing a new haemorrhoid treatment to the UK.

Many people who suffer from haemorrhoidal disease (piles or HD) do not seek treatment because of embarrassment or fear of the pain and disruption that treatment could bring.

HD is very common – 50 per cent of people in the UK suffer from HD at some stage – but it is something many people wouldn't speak about, even with their family or doctor.

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SERVICES

KCC criticised after 23 children's centres are earmarked for closure to cut costs by £1.5m

By Marijke Cox
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COUNTY Hall chiefs are facing a fierce backlash over plans to reduce the number of children's centres in Kent by around a quarter.

Department heads argue they have been forced into a corner due to the need to save £1.5 million within children's services in the next financial year.

But critics claim Kent County Council is taking a "salami cutting" approach and making a blanket cut rather then trying to save key services.

KCC this week released its consultation document outlining plans to close 23 of 97 children's centres across the county.

Under the proposals, there will instead be 16 lead centres, called Children's Centre Plus, located in bigger buildings in communities with a greater need. These would also coordinate services based in GP surgeries or village halls.

Cabinet member for specialist children's services, Jenny Whittle, said the new model would ensure a sustainable long-term future for the remaining centres.

She said: "Essentially we've got to make £1.5m of savings in the next financial year. We can't achieve that without making some difficult decisions. It would be lovely to have a children's centre in every village in Kent, but it's not possible."

She stressed the majority of families using the centres earmarked for closure also use another centre and that accessibility would remain "virtually the same" for 99 per cent of families.

"The one thing we've got to make sure is that accessible children's centres are maintained and we will explain through the consultation how families will still be able to access services and health visitors."

She stressed the most deprived areas would see little, if any, change at all.

But critics have accused KCC of failing to carefully choose where it makes its cuts.

Labour member Mike Eddy, the former shadow party leader who was voted back onto KCC in May, said there were other areas in the council where money could be saved.

"It would seem to me that priorities should be putting money into children and families in the earliest years," he said.

"If they need to save money there are other areas they could save from. They are making cuts across the board like a salami cutter. No service will be able to be delivered properly.

"The Conservatives are bending over backwards to distort the rules so money will go into the leafy suburbs rather than those areas that desperately need the service. It's a political decision."

The consultation runs for 12 weeks.

■ **To take part visit www.kent.gov.uk/childrenscentres or see the document at children's centres, council offices or libraries.**

What is a children's centre?

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OAP attacked in his home

A THUG who forced his way into the home of a man in his 80s and demanded money, is being hunted by police.

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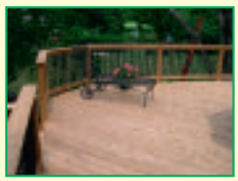
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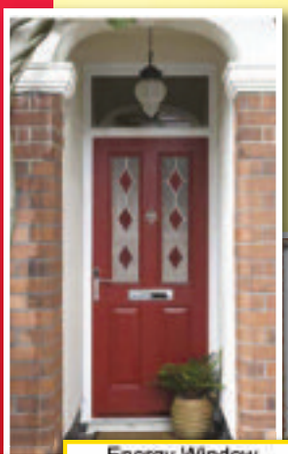
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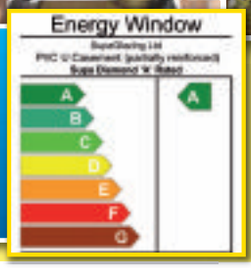
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HEALTH

Boost for sex assault victims as central site set to house new clinic

Police crime commissioner Ann Barnes is due to reveal plans for 'dramatically better' 24-hour facilities in a matter of weeks

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THE ongoing battle to get a 24-hour sexual assault referral clinic (SARC) in Kent has moved a step closer, with Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes poised to announce "dramatically better facilities" within weeks.

For years, organisations working with victims of sexual assault have been pushing for a 24-hour unit providing specialist support.

SARCs are a one-stop service, providing medical and forensic services for victims of sexual assault – including those who do no want to speak to the police – and offering help in the immediate aftermath of the attack.

They are run in partnership between police, the NHS and the voluntary sector.

Kent has a facility at the Renton Clinic at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, but its facilities have been described as "poor" and it is not open 24/7. Its north west Kent location also means victims in other parts of the county have to travel long distances to reach the service.

The facility is now due to close, with hopes new and improved services will open elsewhere.

A spokesman for Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust said: "The commissioners and police are looking to relocate the service to a more central location although it (the SARC) continues to be provided from Darent Valley for now."

Mrs Barnes told KoS she had always been unhappy with the adequacy of the facilities for the care of victims of sexual assault in Kent.

"I am aware the Darent Valley facility is closing," she said.

"I am pleased to confirm I am making urgent and significant progress in bringing together all the associated partners who have a role in addressing this situation and will be announcing details of dramatically better facilities within a few weeks."

Kent-based rape crisis charity Family Matters, which provides counselling for victims of sexual assault, said it supports the PCC's drive to create a full, 24/7 SARC in the county which meets at least the minimum standards.

Operations director Malcolm Gilbert said: "Great early progress has been made to achieve this through the stakeholders meeting set up by the PCC and called for by chief Crown prosecutor Roger Coe-Salazar.

"It has already secured support for a SARC manager and a commitment from the NHS to the project. Indeed bids for a temporary interim SARC are under way which are expected to be up and running by around October.

"Even the proposed interim measure will be a vast improvement on the previous two rooms at the Darent Valley Hospital.

"The facilities at the Darent hospital were so poor that we do not regret their passing, indeed the fact it is closing has worked to the advantage to the women of Kent as it has become a catalyst for well overdue change."

Mr Gilbert said the aspiration is for a high quality SARC somewhere in central Kent.

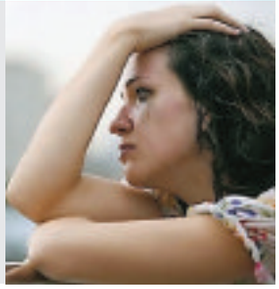
"We will work to do our bit to make this happen by providing Independent Sexual Violence Advisor services, crisis workers to support victims and in the interim a non-police referral system when the new interim SARC opens."

Kent Police says it welcomes the PCC's efforts to bring together representatives from the force and the health sector to identify a suitable location for an improved, all encompassing 24/7 SARC.

"Giving timely and effective support for victims of sexual assault is a priority and we continue to review and develop the services we provide to victims of rape and serious sexual assault," said a spokeswoman.

"This is to ensure we deliver a premium service and continue to deploy initial response officers and specially trained officers to maintain a consistent approach to all victims of such crimes."

VOLUNTEER-RUN CENTRE OPENS AT POLICE STATION



Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes recently marked the official opening of the Domestic Abuse Volunteers Support Service in Tunbridge Wells.

The charity, set up three years ago, provides vital support for anyone – men as well as women – experiencing domestic abuse across the whole of west Kent including Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge and Malling.

The new office has now opened in Tunbridge Wells police station which will house a dedicated team of volunteers who run a helpline and advice service for domestic abuse victims.





ENERGY

Wind farm's array of success

Prime Minister speaks of a triple win at landmark's official opening

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Picture: MARK TURNER

PRIME Minister David Cameron has hailed the opening of the world's largest offshore wind farm off the north Kent coast a "huge win" for the county.

Officially opening the London Array amid a buzz of excitement at Margate's Turner Contemporary on Thursday, Mr Cameron told the audience it would continue to bring benefits to people in Kent for many years to come, through jobs and investment.

Leading energy chiefs, international and national press, and senior politicians joined the Prime Minister for the inauguration, which saw guests taking to the skies in a helicopter for a birds-eye-view of the huge construction, located 12.5 miles off the Thanet coast.

Remarkably, the London Array, with its 175 wind turbines each weighing 480 tonnes and taller than the London Eye on the Thames, took under two years to build – excluding construction of the onshore substation – with some 6,700 individuals and 75 organisations involved.

DONG Energy, E.ON and Masdar, the companies behind the ambitious project, described the inauguration as an "historic milestone".

But the focus was very much on those involved in the hands-on construction of the wind farm, which was completed in December. The final Siemens 3.6MW turbine, the 175th, went online in March this year – exactly two years after the first foundation was installed offshore.

Mr Cameron, who was heckled by a crowd of protesters outside the gallery campaigning against government cuts, paid tribute to the "bravest seamen, the most talented engineers and hardest workers".

He continued: "First of all it's a huge win for Kent. It's going to continue to bring benefits to people here for many, many years to come.

"The second thing it's a big win for is renewable energy. Sometimes people wonder, 'Can you really have renewable energy projects at scale?'

"The London Array – powering half a million homes, the biggest offshore wind farm anywhere in the world – absolutely shows that you can do scale renewables and you can do them right here in Britain. And that leads me to the third and I think the most important win of all; it's a very big win for Britain. If you look at the UK you see we can do big projects."

Speaking to KoS at the event, Mr Cameron said he was aware of the high cost – almost £1.8 billion – and said the costs of future renewable energy projects like the London Array "would come down".

Secretary of state for energy and climate change, Edward Davey, said the London Array was a "win for local jobs, skills and growth".

Conservative MP for South Thanet, Laura Sandys, echoed his words, stating it would be a "huge employment asset" for the area.



VISIT: David Cameron visited the county for the official opening of the London Array wind farm

"This wind farm really is a great win for Ramsgate," she said.

"We are thrilled that Ramsgate is now the port of choice for the operations and maintenance for London Array.

"With 89 jobs already secured and six apprentices, we are looking to establish Ramsgate as the 'Aberdeen of Wind'. This is a real opportunity for regeneration."

Speaking at the event, Tony Cocker, CEO of E.ON UK, said electricity from renewable sources would help deliver energy in a sustainable, affordable and secure way.

He said: "London Array is a major landmark for global renewable investment and I'd like to thank all those involved in making it a reality."

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CRIME

Charges following isle armed raid

A 25-year-old man from London appeared before magistrates on Thursday after being arrested following an armed robbery on Sheppey last weekend.

Gary Donald Grannells, 25, from Notting Hill, has been charged with robbery and two counts of assaulting a police officer.

He appeared at Maidstone Magistrates' Court and was remanded in custody until July 19.

The charges related to an incident which took place in The Promenade in Leysdown-on-Sea last Saturday afternoon.

LITERATURE

Ex-borstal officer keen to that 'transformed' lives of

Chris Murphy reports on Simon Barlow's hard-hitting book

HE SPENT years working with many troubled teenagers, and now Simon Barlow is convinced the justice system should look again at reintroducing borstals.

In a hard-hitting book looking at the challenges of handling wayward and criminal youth, the 62-year-old from Rochester says borstals fulfilled a vital role.

He worked at one such establishment in Rochester, before moving to the jail at Maidstone when borstals were replaced in 1982 by youth custody centres.

Mr Barlow says there remains a compelling need for a system of education, training and structure for the boys who, for one reason or another, found themselves on the wrong side of the tracks.

He said: "The borstals, though not perfect, transformed many boys' lives. Lads would come to us, never knowing any structure in their lives and never having experienced discipline of any sort, and the experience would change them.

"I remember several examples of boys having to be physically removed from the institution on their release as they did not want to return to the chaos that was their lives. Some were illiterate when sentenced and left able to read and write, and had learned a trade."

Borstal, near Rochester, lent the system its name when it opened the first youth prison in 1902.

Mr Barlow said: "During my 25 years working in prisons I witnessed what I believe to be a decline in training opportunities, resettlement, discipline and general standards. In this climate of cost saving the fundamentals have been forgotten.

"Once, young criminals had to undertake training or other meaningful employment, with resettlement plans agreed with their probation officer.

"Obviously, not all boys took the opportunity they were offered, but those who did could be released, having learned a trade.

"When I retired from HMP Maidstone, I took a job as a drug intervention worker, with KCA [a service which supports young people], dealing with offenders involved with drugs and alcohol, some of them having been in treatment for years, punctuated by short, pointless periods in prison.

"Working with these people in a non-prison setting I saw a completely different side to their offending behaviour.

"Having gained their trust, they confide in me, telling of histories of abuse, alcoholic or drug-taking parents and, most importantly, a complete absence of a role model. It occurred to me that borstals had provided answers to some of these problems and that the authorities had learned little in 25 years.

"It prompted me to tell the story of the last three years of Rochester Borstal.

"It was far from perfect, but a sight better than what is available to today's mixed-up, young people."

In the book he looks back at the pranks and misdemeanours as well as his terrifying confrontations with violent prisoners.



■ **The Self-Tapping Screw: The Recollections of a Borstal Officer is out now, price £12.99.**

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see return of system wayward youngsters

recapturing his time served at Rochester Borstal

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CLOSED DOORS: Rochester Borstal was replaced in 1982, when youth custody centres were introduced and where Simon Barlow (left) drew the inspiration for his real-life account in The Self-Tapping Screw

TALE OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

THE idea to first separate youth and adult prisoners was first mooted at the end of the 19th century, with prison commissioner Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brise introducing the system.

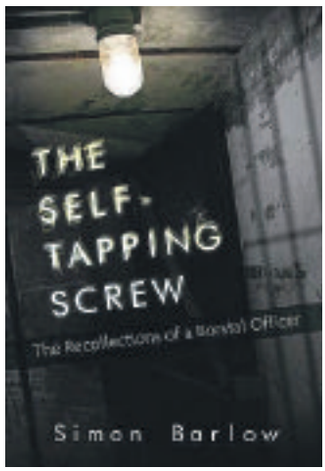
With the first such prison opening in Borstal in 1902, near Rochester, they adopted a name which would become synonomous with the youth justice system.

Borstals had a strict focus on routine, discipline and authority and were designed to educate and reform those who stepped through their doors.

Yet for all the positives, there were many horror stories of bullying and mistreatment.

When the Criminal Justice Act 1982 came into force it spelt the end for borstals and the system in the UK was scrapped.

However, they are still used in India where they continue to prove a popular option.



RESCUE

Crews save man who got stuck in the mud

EMERGENCY crews had to spring into action after a man found himself stuck in the mud on the banks of the River Medway on Wednesday afternoon.

The drama unfolded at around 4.55pm at Strood.

Fire crews using inflatable 'mud paths' and a crane reached the stranded man before he was treated by paramedics.

COURT

Gillingham shooting: 25-year-old charged

A 25-year-old man is due to face magistrates in connection with a shooting incident in Gillingham in April last year.

Adam Green, of Hards Town in Chatham, has been charged with two counts of attempted murder and has been remanded in custody. It follows an incident on April 12, 2012 at an industrial plot in Railway Street which left two men with serious injuries.



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TRAVEL

We're all going on a summer holiday as travel agents reveal poor weather sends us packing

By Chris Murphy
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THE slow start to summer is sending sun-starved Kent residents to their local travel agent to snap up bargain holidays in the sun.

Travel agents say business has been brisk in recent weeks as June passed by with barely a glimpse of the sun.

Nick Marks is a director of Baldwins Travel which has offices in Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Maidstone.

He said he's seeing a big year-on-year rise and such is the increase he believes the nation could soon be pulling clear of the recessionary doom and gloom.

He explained: "Business has been wonderful – people are telling us they have had enough of the rain.

"We are having our best figures by miles. The trend is long-haul sales are down, but luxury is still pretty buoyant. The big thing at the moment is Europe.

"A lot of people are going to Turkey, but there is also a resurgence of people going to Tunisia and Morocco.

"They are also booking earlier – while the recession was on they were waiting until the last minute but now they are taking their time and booking the right place.



ESCAPE: Sales in luxury travel are doing well, but holidays closer to home in Europe are most popular

"We are selling a lot more all-inclusive holidays because people like the fixed budget – they are cheaper than paying extra for everything.

"We are the only industry that likes the rain."

And he believes the up-turn gives a glimpse of economic recovery around the corner.

He adds: "Travel companies are the first to see a country coming out of recession.

"Passenger numbers are up. January was four per up on sales, 10 per cent in February, and 20 per cent in May, and the trend is continuing, which is good.

HERE COMES THE SUN

The good news is that the forecasters are predicting this month will finally see the sun put his hat on and come out to play.

The Met Office is predicting higher than average temperatures, with levels set to hit between 24-26C degrees this weekend.

News which will come as a huge relief to the county's top tourist attractions who will be hoping to cash in (see story on page 3).

"Business travel is even better, which is promising recession-wise. Last month was 17 per cent up on the same time last year. In April, we were 75 per cent up, which are astonishing figures."

Nigel Colley is the managing director of Sunways Holidays in Longfield, near Gravesend.

He told us: "The market is quite buoyant; these days people don't leave it to the last minute any more. All that will happen if they do is they will have less choice and prices about the same or sometimes higher.

"We feel there hasn't been a summer this year, apart from the odd day and then it's cold.

"Weirdly, it's when we have a couple of nice days that people think about holidays – they just want even more sun. It's a funny psyche."





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NAVAL LINK: Medway's dockyards have played an integral part in the region's long and varied history

Rural past paved way for towns' rich future

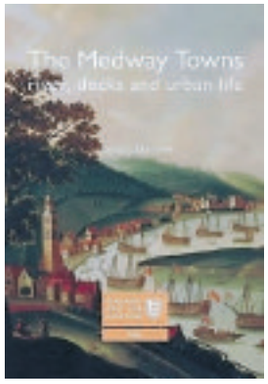
By Joe Bill
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CUT through the Medway towns and the rich layers of history which present themselves would rival that of anywhere else in the county.

Over the centuries, it has morphed from a selection of small, leafy, peaceful villages, to become one of the nation's most important industrial areas.

The region's shipbuilding past has been well documented with its naval heritage ensuring it has played a sometimes essential role in the growth of the UK, both at home and abroad.

In addition, Medway remains to this day defined, in part, by its position as a strategic military site.



What is more, its evolution continues with considerable vigor, as the area's council leaders look to build on the towns' engineering roots and create a fertile breeding ground with further and higher education establishments developing a future generation's skill sets.

And that is before factoring in its influence over the works of the likes of Charles Dickens.

In short, Medway and history go very much hand-in-hand.

Now a new book has been compiled by historian Dr Sandra Dunster which looks at the lives of the people who witnessed each chunk of its transition into an urban, industrial conurbation over the past 450 years.

The Medway Towns: River, Docks and Urban Life looks at the changing faces of Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester and Strood between 1550 and 1914.

Dr Dunster is the programme leader for history at the University of Greenwich; an establishment which itself is playing a key role in the redevelopment and redefinition of the area as a place of learning; its Medway campus is sited in the former HMS Pembroke Royal Naval base.

She said: "We start it in 1550, because that was when Medway became an important area nationally, and we end in 1914, because the 20th century has a whole new story to tell.

"The idea was to take it from the moment Medway found itself in the spotlight when the decision was taken to move the naval fleet to Chatham. There is a focus on the people who lived there and the people who visited, as well as the political change and the economy. The river itself makes up the final strand."

Research for the book was done by a group of keen Medway historians as part of a Heritage Lottery Fund project which saw universities around the country produce a series of accessible, but academically sound local history books.

Local volunteers transcribed everything from wills to letters to probate inventories from Gillingham, finding little nuggets of information detailing the lives of the towns' inhabitants.

Dr Dunster said: "Somewhere like Gillingham goes from being an incredibly rural parish with a very small community tucked around what is now Church Street, to an urban conurbation which stretches through the parish and eventually explodes in the 19th century.

"That was when all the new streets between the station and the dockyard were built responding to the fact the dockyard has expanded beyond all recognition."

One of the gems of the book comes in the form of an early map of the area that had been hidden away in the British Library.

"We uncovered a fantastic map which was made in the late 16th century.

"It is a coloured map showing that very rural Medway community which we don't think has been seen before. We think it was made at around the time of the Spanish Armada.

"When people see it they are amazed."

■ **For details of the book, see: http://bit.ly/13h5TxL**



OPINION

Time to curb the drink driver

MP for Gillingham and Rainham, **Rehman Chishti**, writes about his new campaign calling for drink drivers to receive tougher penalties

WE SHOULD all know the dangers of getting behind the wheel after we've had a few drinks – research shows it can make an accident six times more likely to happen.

But while there has been a significant cultural shift over the past 30 years in our attitudes towards drink driving, there are still a persistent minority of motorists who continue to place their own and other people's safety at risk.

For many years, Kent Police, working with Kent and Medway road safety teams, has run successive and successful campaigns reminding drivers not to drink and drive on our county's roads.

But, unfortunately, it is still a prevalent issue.

For example, in just one month over the Christmas period, 221 people were arrested across Kent and Medway for being over the legal limit.

Kent is also one of the top police areas for people caught driving under the influence of alcohol, with a total of 2,157 people arrested in 2012.

And the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol are clear: a person is killed in a collision on Kent's roads every week with one in six of these deaths linked to drink driving.

Even a cursory glance in your local newspapers will show weekly reports of drink driving incidents, with most of the motorists caught being two, three or even five times over the existing drink drive limit of 35mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath.

And it would seem many of these people are all too likely to go on and commit the same offence again.

It has been reported in Medway that a driver has been caught five times in 11 years, but has still escaped a prison sentence.

It is clear to me more should and can be done to reduce drink driving on our roads.

This is why this week I have proposed a new Bill in Parliament to introduce tougher penalties for those who persistently drink and drive.

Did you know the maximum sentence someone can currently receive for drink driving is only six months?

And it's the same term whether it is for a first, second or even a fourth offence.

Under my proposals, those caught drink driving for a third offence could face up to two years in jail.

The current penalties are not a powerful enough deterrent for the minority of drivers who continue to flagrantly disregard the law and put the safety of others on the road at risk.

More people are in fact killed as a result of drink driving than from knife crime.



Maximum sentence someone can currently receive for drink driving is only six months

So why is it the case that the maximum penalty for carrying a knife is four years, but only six months for drink driving?

My proposal has been adopted in other countries such as in New Zealand where those caught over the limit for a third, or subsequent offence, face two years imprisonment.

And it's a system we already have in place for other crimes, such as burglary, where an offender is automatically given a minimum prison sentence for a third offence.

I believe that it's a system we need to put in place too for drink driving.

In order to reduce drink driving casualties further we need to take a tougher stance and this proposal will send a clear message to those who continue to drink and drive that they will face up to two years in prison.

KOS COMMENT

Getting involved with changing landscapes

CANTERBURY is perhaps the county's most vibrant destination; rich in history and culture and with a track record of ensuring developments remain in keeping with the area.

It faces, however, a real challenge.

The Local Plan drawn up by the city council calls for thousands of new homes – a concern which has sparked a fightback from concerned locals.

The arguments will be familiar to so many in the county; authorities face having to assist in easing the housing crisis, residents dread the thought of their home town changing.

So what can you do about it? First, is to find out what is happening in your town, and then to engage in the process and make sure your voice is heard.

Have fun in the sun...

IT HAS taken long enough but finally it would appear the summer has arrived.

And, if you can, we urge you to go out and support those traders who rely so heavily on the tourist trade and have found 2013 so challenging.

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Immigration not the issue

I find it fascinating to read letters from some rather small-minded readers of your paper who seem to believe any immigrant is somehow a drain on the public purse.

The reality is they come here looking to feed their families and do well in life. If your neighbour moved to Australia or France, you would no doubt wish them well and not consider the drain they may put on services there.

What's more, they're not 'stealing our jobs' – rather filling those which many of our younger generation deem beneath them as they stay at home with the curtains drawn.

There are issues with immigration which need to be addressed, but they obscure other more pressing issues – such as a culture of laziness and a younger generation who believe society owes them a living.

Gary Harvey, Tonbridge

Our tiny island just can't cope

Yes Harry Williams (KoS, June 30), you have to wonder at the motives of politicians who are so in thrall to immigrants that they put pressure on all our services, put so many of the indigenous population on the dole, overpopulate our tiny island and spend billions we can ill afford.

Great Britain has only 0.16 per cent of the world's land mass and yet listening to some people we have a duty to open our doors to the seven billion inhabiting the other 99.84 per cent of land.

It's funny how our masters eulogize over 'cheap, hard-working immigrants', yet none of them have been made MPs, bankers, or captains of industry. Think of the money we could save.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Making the most of skills

I would very much like to compile a list of retired people who have skills, trades, crafts and would be happy to pass these on to young people.

I believe a great number of retired people would be happy to do just that thereby making a considerable contribution, giving them a sense of satisfaction and pride.

I believe it would give these well meaning people a sense of purpose and fulfilment.

They, and all of us, know there are quite a number of young people who are unemployed. Many of whom have modern IT skills etc which they in turn would be pleased to pass on to retired people who perhaps have not got such skills.

Together we could form a social enterprise, not for profit,which could become self-financing by retailing products made during training, creating an income to cover the overheads.

If you are willing to help with such a project then I would be pleased to hear from you at Tmason358@aol.com or call 01634 727301.

Cllr Tom Mason, Medway

Service as old as the station

It is great to see Birchington railway station celebrate its 150th anniversary.

What's the pity is that the service is 150 years old too. Though it was probably better when it first started.

Firstly, there are rarely any staff there. Secondly, I used to get to London quicker 27 years ago, when the train was full of commuters and didn't have to stop all the way up the line.

And finally, there should now be a high speed south east coast service to London which takes less than an hour. You would see this great area really take off again if it was in place.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

Please give MPs a buzz

Bees in Kent and all over Britain are in serious trouble and that spells bad news for our farmers, our economy and our green and pleasant land.

A comprehensive Bee Action Plan is urgently needed to protect all 267 species of bees and the vital role they play in pollinating our food crops, gardens and countryside. Without them, it is estimated that pollinating crops through other methods would cost farmers over £1.8 billion, causing food prices to rise dramatically.

A Bee Action Plan is backed by 200 MPs from all parties, businesses and tens of thousands of individuals.

The Government says it is listening and is expected to unveil new proposals soon. But we're concerned the plans will fall far short.

Readers can help by phoning their MP. They should ask for a proper Bee Action Plan that tackles all the threats bees face, including pesticides and habitat loss, and is up and running immediately.

Let's not wait another year and for more bee losses. With your help, we can make sure bees keep buzzing.

Andrew Pendleton, Friends of the Earth

Cycling for the children

I would like to make cycling enthusiasts aware of a summer bike ride through the beautiful south east countryside to raise money for charity.

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Lauren Butcher, The Children's Trust

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New direction takes Go West back down a familiar path

Greg Miles talks to Go West's Peter Cox ahead of Kent concerts with fellow 80s groups Hue And Cry and The Christians

By **GREG MILES**

REUNIONS may not be everyone's cup of tea, but they are working out quite well for Go West frontman Peter Cox, who has some catching up to do.

The band behind classics such as We Close Our Eyes, Call Me and The King Of Wishful Thinking are teaming up with fellow 1980s acts Hue And Cry and The Christians on a one-off UK autumn tour taking in Dartford and Tunbridge Wells.

Cox is embracing the love still around for their work from the band's fans.

"If it wasn't for the fact people want to hear those songs I wouldn't be working," he said.

"When we listen and there's 15,000 people going mad for the songs I wrote, it's great. I'm very happy they will sing the chorus of a song I wrote 25 years ago – it's a great feeling."

In a strange twist, the demand for their work in the last decade has led to them playing alongside those they rivalled in the charts in the 1980s, who at the time Cox rarely met.

"Strangely, with a lot of my contemporaries from that era, I didn't know them when they were having their heyday," he said.

"I've seen Hue And Cry recently with their band and they're fantastic. I've worked a little bit with The Christians at 80s retrospective shows and they're still great. It's about being a live jukebox for the audience that come.

"Our paths didn't cross. A number of my contemporaries had the same experience. I would be on a live radio show who would ask do I know this person or that, but I never had that lifestyle.

"I know Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet pretty well now, but from things we've done since. We did a Princes Trust concert in 1985, stood in the same dressing room, but never said hello.

"I didn't have the showbiz lifestyle you might imagine, probably much to the disagreement of my record label at the time."

Cox and bassist Richard Drummie shot to fame in 1985 with the release of their eponymous debut album, which peaked at No 6 in the UK charts. Two more studio albums followed, with Dancing On The Couch and Indian Summer, the latter in 1992.

But it was not until 2008 that the duo worked together again as Go West, releasing Futurenow.

Go West have just finished their new album, which has been released as three separate EPs over the last three years, the last of which came out in March.

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The 55-year-old feels their recent music has taken a step forward but retained its soul and Motown roots.

"It's been a long time in the making, but it's finally finished," Cox said.

"It's far less keyboard-based – it is much more a guitar record. I don't know whether that's me winning the argument at the writing stage as usually I play the guitar badly and Richard plays the bass.

"Certainly in the 80s we would use a sequencer. I'm not a keyboard player, but I have a good ear and we wrote songs like We Close Our Eyes on a keyboard.

"My own taste is away from that 80s sound. The reaction from those who have heard it [the new album] is 'They don't sound like they used to' or 'They sound like they always did'.

"I personally prefer more muscle to my music – if that says anything about the record, then fair enough.

"I don't think it sounds like we always did, but all have the common element of me singing – for better or worse.

"I don't know whether it's about moving with the times. I just try to write honestly without worrying what the audience want.

"You can say we did what we wanted to do rather than chasing a trend."

In the 16 years between Go West albums, Cox released his own material and worked with emerging artists.

"I've done a little bit of producing, but it's just not for me," he said.

"Trying to get a performance out of a singer is too much of a day job to me.

"I don't know what I would do if I weren't a musician. I have experimented in other genres of music.

"I'm flattered when people say I have a voice that can be turned to this or that direction. My current resolution is to try to make music I feel connected to.

"In terms of influences, it is true of anyone that their favourite music is from their teens when they were most receptive and discovering those artists themselves – mine would have been Motown, the blues-rock era of the 70s.

"There is a lot of music out there I can't connect with. I felt that way watching Glastonbury. If you're good at music, you should do it well.

"That's my point of view – music is subjective. I think it's a terrible shame we lost Amy Winehouse."

■ **The three groups play the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, November 23, at 7.30pm. For tickets, phone 01892 530 613. They are then at The Orchard in Dartford at 7.30pm on Sunday, November 24. For tickets, phone 01322 220000.**





REUNITED: The paths of Go West, top, The Christians, right, and Hue And Cry never crossed during their 80s heyday but they will all be performing together in Kent

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From teen pop bands to rock'n'roll tributes, it's all happening on the hill

By Greg Miles
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MUSIC-LOVERS will be descending on Kings Hill this month for a star-studded weekend that includes the extraordinary talents of McFly, Peter Andre and Jools Holland.

Yes, the Music On The Hill three-day festival is almost upon us – and there really will be acts for all ages. The whole show is in aid of charity, with 100 per cent of the profits going to three causes: Demelza Hospice Care For Children, Teens United Fighting Cancer and The Children's Development Trust.

The event starts on Friday, July 19, with music from the brilliant pianist Jools Holland. He will be backed by his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra featuring Gilson Lavis, along with special guest Roland Gift, the voice of Fine Young Cannibals. There will also be guest appearances from Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall.

On Saturday afternoon, pop sensations McFly will be taking to the stage. Dougie Poynter, Harry Judd, Danny Jones and Tom Fletcher last appeared at the event in 2011. They have enjoyed huge success, selling more than 10 million albums and recording 18 Top 10 singles.

Following them in the evening is Peter Andre. The reality TV star first came to the nation's attention with Mysterious Girl back in the 1990s. Since then he has spent more time on screen than behind a microphone, with his own TV show and an appearance on I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here.



POPULAR: McFly are due to perform at Music On The Hill as headliners in the Saturday-afternoon slot

Sunday features a line-up of pop trio Stooshe, X Factor winner Joe McElderry, Pop Idol runner-up Gareth Gates and the former Bucks Fizz team of Cheryl Baker, Mike Nolan and Jay Aston.

There is also music from tribute acts Killer Queen and the Counterfeit Stones, while Kent's Ben Mills, who came third in X Factor in 2006, will be singing to the crowds.

Local schools are also involved, with performances from choirs, while there are children's activities and entertainers, face-painting and a Nursery On The Hill children's tent to enjoy.

Gates open at 6pm on Friday; 12.15pm and 6pm on Saturday; and midday on Sunday.

Ticket prices vary from £28-£36. Visit www.musiconthehill.org.uk to book.



PREVIOUS: Last year's maze at Penshurst Place

Where will the newest Maize Maze take you?

VISITORS to Penshurst Place will be tackling a grand new design of the Maze Maize this summer.

It is due to open on Saturday, July 20, and has taken some careful planning with the use of GPS technology.

Penshurst Place is keeping the shape under wraps but has revealed that it will have a medieval theme, with a smaller version being made for children.

It will be free to visit for full-paying garden-ticket-holders and Penshurst Place season-ticket-holders. For voucher- and other ticket- and card-holders there will be a small additional charge of £2 per adult or £1 per child per visit.

Visit www.penshurstplace.com/maizemaze to find out more.

Three rather special productions from the Margate Millers

THE Sarah Thorne Theatre Club is presenting a triple bill of shows by the Millers Amateur Dramatic Society (MADS) next week.

MADS, based in Margate, will be performing White Lies, a comedy about four university friends who meet up again after 30 years and plan revenge on one of their circle – with unexpected consequences.

Grannies is a drama about two women who meet on a seaside promenade while taking their grandchildren out in their prams. It tells a very human story and has a striking twist.

The third play is Dinner For One, a rarely-performed comedy sketch. This presents the 90th birthday of elderly and upper-class Miss Sophie, who hosts an annual celebration dinner for her friends.

The problem is that, due to Miss Sophie's age, she has outlived all of her friends and so her equally aged manservant, James, makes his way around the table, impersonating each of the invited guests in turn.

The three plays will be performed at the Memorial Theatre, St Peter's Road, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 13, at 7.30pm and Sunday, July 14, at 2.30pm. Tickets are priced at £8 (members) and £10 (non-members).

Seats are bookable in advance from the box office on 0845 2626263.



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Historical society has big plans to celebrate seaside venue's 100 years of entertainment

By Greg Miles
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HERNE Bay's Kings Hall celebrates its centenary this week with the launch of an exhibition, book and talk about the venue.

On July 9, 1913, Queen Victoria's youngest daughter, Princess Beatrice of Battenburg, came to the town and opened the Kings Hall, naming it the King Edward VIII Memorial Hall in memory of her late brother.

A century later, and with the name now shortened to Kings Hall, it continues to play an important role in the town.

Although it opened in 1913, the site was home to musical offerings a decade before when a bandstand and small hall was built.

The East Cliff Pavilion, as it was known, was then extended into the cliffside and eventually expanded.

Picture: HERNE BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



LANDMARK: Herne Bay's Kings Hall celebrating

For the visit of Princess Henry of Battenburg, 3,100 medallions were made with her brother's face on and the date to mark the occasion.

Herne Bay Historical Society trustee Colleen Ashwin-Kean said: "Princess Beatrice came to town and she didn't only come to open the hall but came to visit the hospital. Her visit was like a military operation. It was quite a big event."

As part of the anniversary, Herne Bay Historical Records Society will be replicating this on Wednesday, July 10, presenting coins to local schoolchildren.

On the same day the society is holding a public exhibition showing old photos of the venue, as well launching the book The Kings Hall – 100 years.

The book's author Mike Bundock will be giving a talk afterwards.

The exhibition, which runs until Monday, July 22, opens at 6pm and is followed by the talk, which begins at 7pm. Tickets for this are priced £3 in advance or £4 on the door.

On Friday, July 12, an evening of music, magic and comedy with an Edwardian theme takes place at the hall. The audience is encouraged to dress up, with a prize for the best hat.

Tickets are priced £8 for adults and £4 for children; the show starts at 7.30pm.

Public generosity shines out at hospice summer fair

THIS year's Pilgrims Hospice Summer Fair is going to be bigger than ever as it presents a host of family-friendly fun.

The fair in Margate includes books, plants, cakes, games, a barbecue, activities for the family and another appearance by miniature donkeys – back by popular demand.

Live music comes from The Thanet Concert Band, while there will be traditional stalls such as a coconut shy, tombola and raffle.

Regional fund-raising manager Karen Kenward said: "This really is a lovely event – staff and many volunteers give up their time to make it such a successful day. The local community are so generous to us and help by supplying anything from raffle prizes to local produce – we really could not do it without them. Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact me on 01843 233934, so please do get in touch – it really does make such a difference."

The fair takes place in the grounds of Pilgrims Hospice in Ramsgate Road, Margate, on Saturday, July 20. For more information, visit www.pilgrimshospices.org.



UPBEAT: Captain Accident coming to Canterbury

It's no accident that city will move to reggae beat

CAPTAIN Accident and his band The Disasters are bringing their very own brand of reggae to Canterbury this summer.

The Cardiff group started out as a bedroom project and they have gone on to tour the UK and Europe since 2009.

Next week he is set to release his second album Slippin' Up, a follow-up to his debut album Pick Up The Microphone, released in 2010.

Slippin' Up was self-recorded and self-mixed and will be self-released. It will be available from Monday, July 15.

Captain Accident, real name Adam Parsons, said: "Being able to record the songs as I'm writing them allows me to get across the real essence and emotion that is originally intended and often the inspiration for the song."

The band will be playing in Canterbury, at The Cherry Tree, on Monday, August 5. For more information, visit www.captainaccident.com.

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Sleep out and discover nature's secrets

By Greg Miles
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FAMILIES are being urged to spend a night under the stars to get closer to nature.

The RSPB is this summer running its first-ever Big Wild Sleepout event, with the public encouraged to spend a night watching and hearing the wildlife of the dark.

It is hoped that on the same three nights in August thousands of people around the country will get to know nocturnal animals such as foxes, badgers, bats and owls.

The aim is that participants will raise money for the RSPB by staying in tents, handmade dens or just a sleeping bag on any of the given nights.



One event that the charity is putting on in Kent is at Northward Hill nature reserve on the Hoo peninsula.

The reserve sits on a ridge overlooking the Thames marshes.

More than 100 pairs of grey herons nest in the reserve's trees, while the area is home to one of the UK's largest colonies of little egrets. It is also a great place to see lapwings, redshanks and avocets.

Richard Bashford, organiser of the Big Wild Sleepout, is hoping that thousands of people will take part in the event.

"Imagine if you settled down and heard an owl calling or a fox barking or peeked out of your tent and saw a bat feeding overhead in the fading light," he said.

"Or even finally saw that elusive hedgehog you've long suspected calls your garden home.

"What better way to engage with nature than to sleep out under the stars and be part of a UK-wide event with people sharing their experiences and surprises on Facebook and Twitter. We're also asking people to get sponsored to sleep out and raise money to give nature a home at the same time."

The sleepout takes place from Friday to Sunday, August 9-11. Visit rspb.org.uk/sleepout.



EXPLORE: Discover owls, foxes and so much more in your night garden

Tilbrook joins Apostol for fest

FORMER Squeeze frontman Glenn Tilbrook and Madness tribute band One Step Behind are to headline this month's Dartford Festival.

The free event will see One Step Behind headline the first day, Saturday, July 20, while Tilbrook will bring proceedings to a close the following day in Central Park.

With his Squeeze writing partner Chris Difford, Tilbrook was responsible for several Top 10 hits around the world, including Cool For Cats and Up The Junction.

Since Squeeze split in 1998, Tilbrook has continued to write and perform.

One Step Behind, meanwhile, have been on the road for several years, regularly touring throughout England and Europe.

Other acts on the bill include 2012 X Factor finalists District3, who will be performing on the Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, the UK's favourite 70s disco band CarWash will be getting the crowds up and dancing, while, fresh from BBC's The Voice, Medway man Joseph Apostol will be taking to the stage. The Specials' Neville Staple will also be playing that day.

Alongside the music on the main stage, there will be a family-friendly mix of stalls, activities and entertainment on offer throughout the weekend.

The festival opens at noon on the Saturday and finishes at about 7pm. Then on the Sunday it is open from noon until 6pm.

Visit www.dartford.gov.uk/festival for the full festival line-up.



Enjoy a classical evening at the castle

THERE is still time to book tickets for next weekend's flag-waving bonanza, the Open Air Classical Concert at Leeds Castle.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Military Wives Choir will be sure to send the crowds into a patriotic frenzy with favourites like Land Of Hope And Glory and the 1812 Overture.

There will also be fireworks and a display from The Blades Aerobatic Display Team.

Tickets are selling fast for the show, on Saturday, July 13, but are still available.

Picnic-style tickets are priced at £36 and £46 for an allocated seat in front of the stage. For 10 tickets or more, there is a discount of 10 per cent. Parking is free for concert-goers, and gates open to ticket-holders at 4pm.

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These brand-new awards are designed to champion, highlight and offer a showcase to the good and the great from the county's food and drink industry, including local producers and suppliers, small farming businesses, chefs, restaurants, pubs and hoteliers – people who care about the countryside and the future of our local environment.

The companies nominated will all be voted for by you, our readers. We want to know if you've received a fantastic meal at your local pub or have been impressed by the produce and service at your farmers' market or farm shop.

Entry forms are available online at **www.kentnews.co.uk**.

Entries close on Friday, August 30, 2013.

Our panel of judges will then select a shortlist, kickstarting the independent judging process where finalists will be visited or interviewed to determine a worthy winner in each category.

All finalists will be invited to the prestigious awards ceremony in November, where they will enjoy a Champagne reception and three-course meal based on locally-sourced produce before finding out if they are a winner.

This is the first Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards and we are immensely proud to be able to offer you the chance to reward and recognise the deserving businesses within our local food and drink industry, the ones that consistently go above and beyond expectations.

These awards are what you make of them so if you are the owner of a restaurant, a budding chef or local producer, then help to spread the word among your clients and visitors.

With our online voting system up and running, it takes no time at all to cast your vote.

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BUTCHER OF THE YEAR

Porsche Centre Tonbridge

This category is here for one reason and that is to praise our many local butchers and everything they do for Kent. Consider asking your butcher how their meat is hung, prepared and cut and whether it can be traced to a local farm. Are the staff knowledgeable and helpful? Does the butcher play a key role within the local community? If so, nominate them.

BEST TEA SHOP OF THE YEAR

A AUDLEY

We recognise that tea shops are an integral part of the Kent food and drink scene and we'd like to know your favourites. Who makes the best tea, serves the nicest cakes and the freshest scones? Is the jam home made and are the sandwiches freshly cut and liberally filled? Most importantly, are most of the ingredients locally sourced? We're looking forward to hearing about your favourites.

INDEPENDENT RETAILER OF THE YEAR



This category acknowledges the hard work Kent's independent food and drink retailers put into giving their customers the best possible experience in-store, reinforcing their role at the heart of the community and showing true innovation with their displays. We are looking for independent retailers who put local and seasonal at the heart of the food and drink experience and who are proud to work with and support the best the Garden of England can offer.

BEST FARM SHOP

WAGGON at HALE

Just like our Farmers' Markets, a good farm shop needs to have that extra-special something to tempt shoppers away from their local supermarket. Are the staff friendly and knowledgeable, is the range of produce and the layout of an excellent standard, does your local farm shop offer a box scheme? Is most of the produce sold there grown or raised on that farm, or nearby and if not would the owner be able to tell you where it is from?

BEST FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCER

This category celebrates our local suppliers and producers who play such a vital role in the food community. We are looking for someone who consistently provides a reliable quality of products and services to their customers. So whether it's your local bakery, drinks merchant or meat producer, we want to know why this person or business goes the extra mile for you and gets your vote.

BEST FAMILY DINING VENUE

Eastwell Manor

We've all experienced that sinking feeling when you go out for a meal with the family and you know almost immediately the proprietors and staff would have preferred you to have left the kids at home. We want to know about the exact opposite, those establishments that welcome and treat with respect your whole party, from elderly to very young, and ideally don't banish you too an outer room away from the main dining area. Do they have high-quality menus that suit every age group, provide high chairs if needed, offer useful distractions such as paper and crayons for younger children to use at the table? Is there a children's play area and good baby-changing facilities in the toilets? And most importantly is the food of an excellent standard and worthy of mum and dad as well as the younger members of the party? Tell us all about your best family dining experience in Kent.

BEST PUB OF THE YEAR

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Combining country pubs and dining pubs, the whole eating-out experience needs to be taken into account in this category. Customer service, value for money and the quality of the food should all be accounted for. How well does the establishment you recommend use and name local suppliers and seasonal produce throughout its menus? Neighbourhood pubs are at the heart of the local community and this category is your chance to give something back for all the enjoyment they give you. Are the staff friendly and welcoming, even if it isn't your local? Are there local ales, juices, wines and ciders available to purchase and if so, are they proudly on display? Also, note the quality and speed of the service, the overall atmosphere and ambience, both inside and outside in the beer garden.

BEST FARMER'S MARKET

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The key to a good Farmers' Market is not only the range of produce and the quality of its stalls but also the principles that it supports – for example, does it work as a co-operative with other farmers, is most of the produce sold there grown or raised locally? Are the stallholders welcoming and knowledgeable and is the layout easy to navigate as you move around the market? Are any extras offered on a regular basis, such as cookery demonstrations or talks, is it well advertised so you can plan your visit in advance, is there good accessibility and parking?

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

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We suspect that this category will be one of our most coveted awards, as the Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Restaurant of the Year needs to offer an incomparable dining experience, from the ambience to the service and most importantly the food. Is it locally sourced and does it change with the seasons? Does chef support local producers and are they recognised on the menu? Look through the wine list, are there local as well as international wines and sparkling wines and can the staff tell you more if you ask? We'd expect nothing less from our Restaurant of the Year.

CHEF OF THE YEAR

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Kent is blessed with outstanding chefs working in the county's fantastic array of restaurants. The Chef of the Year should be someone who has devoted him or herself to the cause of serving the best possible food. They will demonstrate technical ability, use of seasonal ingredients, presentation of the food and an understanding of how flavours work together. They will be able to lead and inspire their team and to talk to customers knowledgeably about the dishes they have enjoyed. Above all, we are looking for passion – that magic ingredient that defines true greatness in the kitchen.

BEST KENT FOOD AND DRINK HERO

Kent has a food and drink scene that is more vibrant than many others across the UK. This category celebrates the individual who has made the most impact on the food or drink community – someone who goes the extra mile to promote Kent to a wider audience and is passionate about local produce throughout. Now is your chance to nominate your own Kent food and drink hero.

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Chef Gary will cook for the Queen

AN Ashford chef has booked himself a hot date with the Queen at Buckingham Palace next week as part of the Coronation Festival celebrations.

Tabasco European development chef Gary Evans will be demonstrating his culinary gift in the palace gardens during the four-day event from Thursday to Sunday, July 11-14.

He and the company have been invited along because Tabasco pepper sauce has the Royal Warrant seal of approval showing it is a regular ingredient in the royal household.

The 49-year-old, who works as a consultant for the American brand through his company Hot Chef Solutions, is not sure of his chances of meeting the Queen.

"The last time she came around at an event and saw Tabasco apparently she asked 'Will it blow my head off?'," said Evans. "It might blow her socks off, but I don't think she will try any."



At the event he will be cooking up his own Tabasco recipe of a chicken breast on the bone stuffed with cream cheese; peppers with a flew splashes of the sauce; and crushed new potatoes.

While he may not be able to convince the Queen to try the sauce, Evans is having more luck around the Continent, where he is educating chefs in use of the ingredient.

"It's not just about the heat, but it is a flavour-enhancer and a seasoning. It's about changing people's perceptions of how to use it," he said. "I have seen Tabasco-flavoured ice-cream before – it's really good. It is used in chocolate as well.

"I'm working on ranges of crisps and peanuts. There is an idea for co-branded Tabasco olives. There is Tabasco cheese."

The chef worked in London and Manchester before moving into his current role 10 years ago. In between he worked at the Hilton in Park Lane and at banking giant Lloyds TSB at its head office in London, where he fed more than 1,000 staff a day and provided silver service for directors.

He admits he was not always onside with the sauce, which is one of a number of specialist sauces with which he works.

"I have grown into it," he said. "I remember in my interview they said I would be working with a lot of ethnic sauces and Tabasco. I came away thinking 'What can I do with Tabasco?'. I quickly realised it was the ethnic food that was very limited. Tabasco goes with anything."



SAUCY! Gary Evans will be cooking chicken with Tabasco during his demonstration for the Queen

Baker Britt could be on to a winner with her biscuits

A MAIDSTONE baker is in the running to win a competition that would net her £2,000 and put her biscuits on the shelves of Tesco across the country.



Britt Whyatt has entered her cinnamon Marie biscuit recipe, inspired by and named after her late mother Marie, in the Border Biscuits Big Baking Bonanza competition.

The contest is hunting for the best biscuit recipe in Britain, with the winning recipe set to be created by Scottish company Border Biscuits and be placed on the shelves at Tesco. The winner will also receive £2,000 and a place on a baking course.

The entries will be whittled down by an expert judging panel including Great British Bake Off finalist James Morton, pictured, and the Border Biscuits baking team.

Morton said: "If you're a lover of home-baking and like to experiment with delicious ingredients, textures and tastes, then this could be your chance to show off your skills.

"We're searching for the best innovative, creative and delicious biscuit recipe to join the Border Biscuits family."

The entry deadline is Sunday, July 21. Visit www.borderbiscuits.co.uk/baking to find out more about the competition.

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Science park HQ good for business

ANOTHER hi-tech firm has taken up office space at Sittingbourne's Kent Science Park.

QTS Analytical specialises in the analysis of pesticide residues in fresh produce, tea, food products and cereals.

No stranger to Kent, QTS had been based at Lenham Heath for the last five years.

By moving into the laboratories at the site they will now be able to test a much larger range of chemicals.

Steve Gardner, who founded the company almost 10 years ago, said the firm is now employing 10 full-time members of staff and expanding their services to include illegal dye testing and other due diligence analytical testing.

Sales director, Julian Guanaria, said: "We are delighted with the move as it will give us the ability to grow as a business."

Site director, James Speck, added: "We strive to provide the best possible facilities we can to assist our tenants in their development and are sure that QTS Analytical will continue to excel and grow their business."

Firm shines during Silverstone drama

AMID the drama of tyre blowouts at last weekend's Formula One British Grand Prix, one Kent firm made sure it shined.

Scarab Sweepers had a fleet of five clean-up vehicles trackside at Silverstone and when debris was spread across the track, they were able to swiftly move in.

And as the tyres blew, the cleaning firm was even called on during the race to make the circuit safe.

Dave Cassingham, managing director of the Marden-based firm, said: "Our team was personally commended by the Silverstone course director after the incident for helping to get the race restarted in a safe and timely manner."

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Teamwork is a dramatic new approach to boost ticket sales

By Chris Britcher
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TEN of the county's major theatres have joined forces to form an organisation pulling together to help boost ticket sales.

Its aim is to co-ordinate programming and marketing to ensure everyone benefits.

And Neil Chandler, the chairman of the Kent Theatre and Marketing Managers' Association, hopes the cost-free association will see ticket sales increase by some 20 per cent within five years for some of its members.

He says the first step is to understand the habits of ticket buyers and then ensure theatres do not clash shows.

Mr Chandler, manager at the Woodville Halls in Gravesend, told us: "It's pointless if we put on a classical show and everyone else in Kent does exactly the same thing on the same nights."

The alliance has commissioned an in-depth statistical report on audience habits to provide vital information to increase sales.

Among the theatres that have signed up for the association are the Woodville in Gravesend; the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone; the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells; and the Churchill Theatre in Bromley.

The most notable absentee is Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre.

The chairman added: "It's important we work together to understand booking patterns in the Kent region.

"We also need to know exactly what genre of show is attractive in what parts of the county and at what time of year. Are there any trends regionally, as there appears to be nationally regarding people booking at the last minute, which puts pressures on venues.

"We have thousands of seats to sell every week and unless we as a group work together to make sure we are not all putting on the same style of entertainment every night, we will miss out on sales, which is the lifeblood of theatres."

He said the arts pumps billions into local economies around the UK and it's already established that towns with an arts centre see more footfall than those that don't.

Mr Chandler added: "With this association, we are trying to make Kent as a whole an arts destination because it makes economic sense."

One of the key questions the research will pose is just how many empty seats the group's theatres experience each year.

He said: "We are just commissioning that research with the audience agency who will come up with that sort of information.

"Up until now, that hasn't been done. It's important to us as a group of theatre and marketing managers that we begin to understand how tickets are sold, how many are sold and why.

"To increase our sales we also need to know how far people will go to see a particular show. With detailed audience figures from across Kent, we should be able to see where they are travelling from and how far, so we can target marketing to these areas for particular shows. It really is about maximising sales for all the Kent theatres, including taking in London, especially with the high speed line in place.

"We as a venue are looking to increase seat sales by around 20 per cent over a five-year period, but it's a slow process."



Picture: MARTIN PITCHLEY

A PROACTIVE APPROACH: KTMMA launch From left: Natalie Price of The Hazlit; Martin Fairs of Woodville Halls; Andrew Eyre, The Stage; and Neil Chandler, chairman of KTMMA

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Share your experience as a volunteer business mentor

DO you think you can help pass on your business expertise to the community and voluntary sector? Then you are just the person the Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce is on the look-out for.

The organisation is continuing to expand its successful volunteer business mentoring service across Kent and is looking for current and retired business people to join the initiative.

These mentors act as critical friends to some of the most committed people in the community and voluntary sector, sharing their experience and skills to help these organisations achieve their social aims.

Peter Hobbs, chief executive of the Kent Channel Chamber, said: "By giving a little of their time our business volunteers can be of great help to their local communities.

"Their experience – whether in management, communications, accounting, marketing, HR or IT – can make an invaluable difference to charities and voluntary sector organisations.

"And along the way the chamber is able to provide help and support to mentors through our mentor network."

Recently joined volunteer mentor Kim Bailey, of Kimbsolutions, explained: "I met with my mentee for the first session recently and we have agreed to meet again later next month.

"I am helping him with understanding the journey the trustees need to make to understand what is necessary for growth and have identified some tools to help him achieve this."

If you are interested in becoming a business mentor, contact James Johnson at Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce on 01303 270022 or email: james.johnson@kentchannelchamber.co.uk for more details.

The Kent Channel Chamber represents businesses across Shepway, Dover and Thanet.

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Provost at Keele unveiled as next vice-chancellor at Christ Church



DELIGHTED: Vice-chancellor

CANTERBURY Christ Church University has appointed Rama Thirunamachandran to be its next vice-chancellor.

Mr Thirunamachandran is currently deputy vice-chancellor and provost of Keele University.

He will join the university on October 1.

He takes over from acting vice-chancellor Andrew Ironside who had taken over the role at Canterbury during the end of last year following the shock resignation of Robin Baker last October.

He left the fast-expanding university top job - with a salary believed to be some £200,000 - under a cloud of accusations.

Mr Thirunamachandran said: "Canterbury Christ Church University has transformed over the past 50 years into a university with a distinctive mission and emphasis on public and professional service education with a strong focus on the student experience."

Course has a design on future job prospects

MIDKENT College has unveiled a new graphic design course - worth the equivalent of three A-levels.

The level 3 diploma will launch in September following the success of the level 2 programme, which has been running since January.

Lecturer Tracey Heyburn said the course was ideal for students planning to progress to university or straight into employment: "This is a growing industry with a lot of work out there."

Health and social care open evening event

THE University of Greenwich is holding another of its popular health and social care open evenings at its Medway campus on Wednesday, July 10.

All prospective students are welcome to visit the event where they will get the chance to meet staff, get more information about courses and see the facilities.

The event runs from 4pm to 8pm. For further information about the evening contact hscopenevents@gre.ac.uk.





HERITAGE: The dockyard has a rich heritage stretching back over centuries of shipbuilding

Apprentices at heart of major dockyard expo

THOUSANDS are set to flock to one of the county's biggest business events this week - with the focus on the next generation forming a key part.

The Manufacturing and Engineering Expo takes place at Chatham's Historic Dockyard on Wednesday - an event designed to highlight the area's rich industrial heritage and how it is shaping up to provide a springboard for youngsters looking to work in the sectors.

Organised by Medway Council and Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with events management specialists Best Business Events, more than 60 firms and organisations will be taking part.

Designed to be a major networking opportunity, the event will champion the sectors and use the opportunity to promote Medway's manufacturing and engineering roots.

Manufacturing and engineering provides 10 per cent of jobs in Medway, and increased by 12 per cent in 2010, whilst national figures were showing a decline.

Combined, they are worth £630 million a year to the local economy.

And at its very heart will be an apprenticeship zone with apprentices from many of Medway and Kent's major firms showing off the skills they have learned as they begin their careers in engineering or manufacturing.

Jane Chitty is portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth at Medway Council.

She explained: "This exhibition will not only showcase some of the region's most successful businesses but will offer a wonderful opportunity for young people to discover the benefits of careers in engineering and manufacturing."

BAE Systems Electronic Systems division in Rochester will be one of the major exhibitors, alongside the University of Greenwich.

Both are supporters of Medway's University Technical College, which is due to open next year. It will specialise in engineering and construction studies.

It was given the government green light earlier this year and is expected to form an integral part of the secondary school mix in the area.

There will also be workshops covering a range of subjects including finance, training and exporting.

Visitors will also be able to find out more about funding that is available to firms looking to expand in north Kent and Medway - including the new Tiger (Thames Gateway Innovation, Growth and Enterprise) fund.

This will offer direct loans to businesses, normally on an interest-free, unsecured basis, alongside business support and advice.

Funded by the Government's Regional Growth Fund, Tiger will be available to businesses seeking to invest in Dartford, Gravesham, Medway, Swale and Thurrock.

The event will be held from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday, July 10, at the No 5 slipway at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham. For details, visit: www.manufacturingandengineeringexpo.co.uk.

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Harbour is first port of call for trainees

PORT of Dover chiefs gave local head teachers a full briefing on apprenticeship opportunities at the busy cross-Channel site.

Apprenticeships available range from electrical, mechanical, plumbing and construction through to ICT, customer service, marketing and business and administration.

The port's chief executive, Tim Waggott, explained: "I was delighted to welcome head teachers from Dover Grammar School for Boys and Dover College in order to personally showcase the host of real opportunities we are offering as part of the port's commitment to work with all local schools in giving our young people the tools for future success."

The port works to support and nurture young people through its comprehensive Youth Engagement Scheme.

Mr Waggott added: "The port supports around 22,000 jobs, half of which are in Dover.

"By demonstrating our commitment to delivering this broad apprenticeship programme, we aim to up-skill the community in a way that brings us closer together and which will serve the port's customers in the years to come through."

This year, the port is hosting a total of 10 apprenticeships.

Entrepreneur hopes product will hit the shelves... and slopes

JUST as we can look forward to some sizzling temperatures, one Kent businessman has begun a major push for his invention – the backpack which transforms into a child's sledge.

Mike Rhucroft, from Horton Kirby near Dartford, is hoping The Pacca will be a big hit for future winter ski seasons.

The Pacca is described as a "child's travel hand-luggage backpack that can easily unfold and be used as a snow sledge". And with talks under way with outlets, he hopes to see his dream fulfilled and the product hit the shelves.

A keen skier, the idea came to Mr Rhucroft following a number of skiing trips taken with his young family and repeated frustration with the added expense of hiring low-quality sledges for his children.

He said: "The practicalities of taking away two or three snow sledges and carrying, paying and putting them through hold baggage is logistically and financially not worth it, which is why thousands of families every year are left with little choice but to hire them once at a resort.



"My objective was to give my kids a way to sledge in safety by creating an innovative luggage solution that allowed us to take our own kit to the slopes."

He has recently had his product backed by the Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) after learning it could provide significant support in product idea generation, bringing objectivity to the development of new ideas.

After selling the idea to MAS' team of experts in a Dragons' Den environment, it is continuing to provide support, offering advice and guidance on how to get the best product design for efficient manufacture and assembly, looking at potential contacts for local manufacturers, suppliers and distributors in addition to offering strategic advice on sales and marketing.

He is hopeful the product will be in shops for 2014.

Office space construction elevates isle's attractiveness to start-ups

By Chris Britcher
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THANET has had another boost in its bid to attract local start-ups and growing companies as work begins on 16,000 sq ft of new office space.

The development, known as Elevation Space, forms part of the Manston Business Park.

It is owned by East Kent Opportunities – the partnership formed four years ago which combines the assets of Manston Business Park and Eurokent with the backing of Kent County Council and Thanet District Council.

The equal partnership is designed to help kick-start regeneration in the district.

Groundwork on the site recently got under way.

Construction is being overseen by Rowe Atlantic, which purchased the plot in March, and is relocating its operations to Kent from Devon.

It expects to create up to 10 new jobs in Kent and a further 10 more over the next three years.

Elevation Space will include three buildings, two of which will be divided into separate commercial units and leased to other small businesses.

The third, due to open in April 2014, will be used as Rowe Atlantic's new headquarters, replacing its existing offices near Exeter.

The other two buildings should both be completed by the end of this year.

Carl Rowe, COO at Rowe Atlantic, said: "Once we decided to leave Devon the search began to find a new home that was conveniently located to London and mainland Europe, and large enough to provide enough space to house all our subsidiaries under one roof.

"Manston Business Park more than met this criteria, in fact providing us a plot that is too large for our needs alone.

"However, encouraged by our own experiences as tenants, we saw this as an opportunity to build an impressively designed, reasonably priced community of small, start-up business space."

Mark Dance, Kent County Council member for economic development, said: "This justifies the approach jointly adopted by ourselves and Thanet District Council to take a proactive stance through EKO in securing, managing and selling our land at Manston Business Park."



GROWTH SPURT: Elevation Space is being built at Manston Business Park and could create up to 20 new jobs in Thanet

Tourism chief exec honoured to join influential club of top businesswomen

SANDRA Matthews-Marsh has found herself among the most influential business women in tourism after being selected to join the Women 1st Top 100 Club.

Women 1st was founded by sector skills council People 1st to support women in achieving their career aspirations within hospitality, passenger transport, travel and tourism businesses and organisations.

Launched last year, Women 1st, which runs the Top 100 Club and the Shine Awards, offers thought leadership on gender diversity, continuing professional development training, a mentoring programme and networking events.

And now Mrs Matthews-Marsh, chief executive of Visit Kent – the organisation set up to trumpet the county's tourism offerings – has been named one of the most influential women nationally in hospitality, passenger transport, travel and tourism.

She joins fellow new members Harriet Green, group chief executive for Thomas Cook; Jo Boydell, chief financial officer at Travelodge; Caroline White, chief executive at the Youth Hostel Association; and Sue Kemp, divisional director at Legoland, Windsor.

Mrs Matthews-Marsh said: "This is a great honour built on the support I have had from many professionals, both men and women, in my own career.

"It is an opportunity to influence at the highest levels key industry issues facing women that I have been passionate about throughout my career in tourism and have worked hard to address during my 10 years with Visit Kent."

Mrs Matthews-Marsh is also vice-chairman of the Tourism Society, representing 1,000 members in the UK and across the world.



HIGH-FLYER: Visit Kent's Sandra Matthews-Marsh

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

NFU to hold debrief on renegotiated CAP

THE National Farmers Union (NFU) will brief farmers and growers on what the reformed EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will mean for their businesses at a special event in Maidstone, as part of a string of similar events across the south east.

The event is staged at the Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel in Hollingbourne on July 25 at 7pm.

Train simulators lease floor of Chatham site

DEVELOPERS behind the world's leading train simulator for the home PC - Railsimulator.com - has leased the entire first floor of The Observatory building at Chatham Maritime.

It has secured a seven-year lease at a rent of £115,000 on 21,451sq ft of office space.

The Observatory, constructed in 1994, is a three-storey office building situated in Chatham Maritime, owned by property firm Redefine.

Enterprise hub's £3.8m boost to local economy

THE University of Kent says its Enterprise Hub is having a £3.87m impact on the local economy.

The figures - provided by the National Council of Graduate Employment - follow the announcement of three new businesses joining the hub in the last three months.

Based in Canterbury, it has assisted almost 60 new start-ups and helped to create over 110 new jobs since 2010.

Swarovski joins the line-up at outlet centre

LUXURY brand Swarovski has celebrated the opening of a new shop at the Ashford Designer Outlet centre.

The precision-cut crystal firm has created seven new jobs after cutting the ribbon on the store.

It marks the 17th new store opening at the centre since May 2012.

The centre now boasts 80 brands.

Popular park is put up for sale by owners

A HOLIDAY park is up for sale.

Yew Tree Caravan Park in Canterbury has gone on the market - with an asking price of £1.295m.

The four-star site in Petham includes 55 touring caravan and camping pitches, plus holiday apartments, studios, static caravan pitches and a heated swimming pool.

It is being marketed by Colliers International on behalf of its owners.

Law firm hopes for success at awards

TUNBRIDGE Wells law firm Cripps Harries Hall has been shortlisted as a finalist at the STEP Private Client Awards 2013 in the UK and Ireland regional team of the year category.

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As well as ILM qualifications, Learn to... provides management and day training courses across Kent.

It supplies apprentices to organisations and continues to help the unemployed gain the skills to make it back into the workplace with fully-funded functional skills training.

It is soon to deliver the new traineeships from August.

Learn to be a lifeguard with North West Kent



NORTH West Kent College is running a week-long National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) at the Gravesend campus from Monday to Saturday, July 8-13, 2013.

The NPLQ is the most-awarded lifeguard qualification in the United Kingdom and is a recruitment requirement for a number of jobs from pool lifeguard to leisure centre manager.

The course trains people to be fully qualified to work as a Pool Lifeguard. Students on the course will learn resuscitation, rescue techniques, poolside assistance and a small amount of first aid relevant to lifeguarding.

James Butterfill, curriculum manager of Sports at North West Kent College, said: "The college offers a wide range of courses with skills to help people find employment, and with the NPLQ we're offering it to the local community, too."

The NPLQ course is open to anyone over the age of 16 with an interest in lifeguarding.

It will run from Monday to Friday, July 8-12, with the assessment on Saturday, July13. It will cost £260.

The college offers the NPLQ throughout the year during school holidays. To apply for a place on this course, please collect an application form from the college at Dartford or Gravesend.

Phone North West Kent College on 0800 074 1447 or visit www.nwkcollege.ac.uk.





Sharpen your skills for better business



Struggling to decide on your future career? It's time to do it now



FOR many young people, finding a job they love can be tough and it can feel like the road to employment is an uphill climb. However, with the right help, any young person can take positive steps towards their ideal career.

One of the hardest things for a school-leaver is deciding which path to follow after they finish this initial stage of their education. Some struggle to decide what sector or industry they would like to enter, while others know exactly what they want to do but are unable to find employment.

That's where the Time To Do It Roadshow comes in. With events in Kent on July 16-17, the TTDI Roadshows have been designed to offer 16- to 18-year-olds everything they need to move forward with their careers by signing up for an apprenticeship.

David Way, executive director of the National Apprenticeship Service, said: "Apprenticeships are a great way for young people to earn while they learn in a real job, gaining a real qualification, setting them on the road to success in their chosen career."

Featuring training-providers from all sectors and covering all areas of apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities, the TTDI Roadshows provide a welcoming and informative environment in which young people can find out about the choices available to them.

Apprenticeships are available at intermediate, advanced and higher (degree) level and cover more than 170 industries and 1,500 job roles, from advertising to youth work via environmental engineering and nuclear decommissioning. At any one time, up to 17,000 apprenticeship vacancies are available on Apprenticeship Vacancies, the job site for apprenticeships managed by the National Apprenticeship Service. Young people can also now access vacancies via the new Av Search app for iPhone and Android.

In addition to telling young people about these vacancies, the TTDI Roadshow team will be on hand to provide one-to-one CV-writing help and stage workshops on interview skills and work readiness.

Young people will also be able to access a bank of laptops on which to fill out online applications for live job opportunities. They will be helped in this by a team of apprenticeship information ambassadors, whose knowledge of apprenticeships can be invaluable to young people investigating their potential careers.

If someone you know is unsure of the next step on their career ladder, then let them know about the upcoming dates on the TTDI Roadshow's calendar. With help available for 16- to 18-year-olds, as well as advice and information for 18- to 24-year-olds, parents and guardians, the TTDI Roadshow is well worth a visit.

Lindsay Jardine, KATO director of operations, said: "The Time To Do IT Roadshow is a marvellous opportunity for young people in the area to find out about apprenticeship opportunities available now.

"Our advisors and local employers will be on hand to provide information on choosing an apprenticeship as a career path and give on-the-spot help with applications, interview techniques and other key skills."

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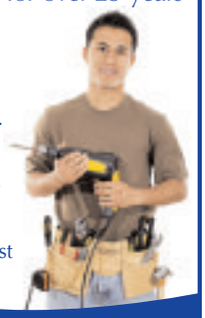
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Kia proceeds with more pace

KIA has launched its most performance-orientated car so far – and apologised already.

Though the Proceed GT chassis was fine-tuned on Germany's challenging Nurburgring race circuit, the Korean brand has spread its hands wide and said, in effect: "Look, it's not the daddy of hot hatchbacks."

Or, more accurately: "It is our most performance-orientated car to date and has been developed for an enthusiastic driving experience while remaining practical, affordable and comfortable for everyday use."

And you cannot argue with that honesty, except to add that it looks pretty damn good, too, being based on the silky-looking Proceed three-door hatch/coupé spun from Kia's Ceed five-door family hatchback, which gets its own Ceed GT version later this year.

The Proceed's practical yet low-slung lines have gained a beefed-up front and back, plus side-skirts that make the GT a head-turner, the pièce de résistance being 'ice cube' running lights that flank the car's nose to get it noticed.

And yet the car is understated in the VW Golf GTI rather than more garish Renault Megane Renaultsport or Vauxhall Astra VXR manner, all of which it will be judged against.

Comparisons will fall into two camps: droning petrolheads quoting bhp and track-day handling as the benchmarks by which such cars must be judged, and discerning everyday drivers who want something quick in which to cut loose (safely) occasionally while enjoying as much comfort as possible most of the time when plying our congested roads.

The former might loathe the Proceed GT, but the latter will love it – as do I.

Strange that, just recently, I have driven two new cars that use the old GT or Gran Turismo label correctly for a car that is comfortable enough to cover distances quickly and safely. The first was the BMW 3 series GT, but the Proceed GT is an even better experience – especially as prices start from less than £19,995.

Power comes from a direct-injection 1.6-litre petrol engine already seen on the Proceed/Ceed range, with turbocharging whacking power up to 201bhp and delivering lots of smooth low-down punch. Allied with a slick six-speed box, you have a lovely sporting drive, even if output is lower than the rivals mentioned earlier.

The ride is pliant, but not so much that I didn't delight in piloting the Proceed precisely along the launch event's snaking, switchback course at speed.

With a classy, high-spec interior, including Recaro front seats – a first for Kia – and a starship array of steering-wheel buttons, this is a sporty marvel prompting yet another remark along the lines of how far Kia has come in just a few years, and I didn't even need to mention the seven-year/100,00-mile warranty until the end.







STYLE: The accurately-named Kia Proceed GT offers low-slung practicality to tempt both petrolheads and the more serious drivers, too

DON'T LIKE

... to complain, to be honest. This is a brilliant sporting first effort to add razzamatazz after the hard yards establishing the overall Kia range.

NOT SURE

... the petrolhead community will like the car's well-mannered ways, but I will always ask "How often can you really enjoy a hot hatch to the full?"

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VOLKSWAGEN'S Polo supermini is sometimes overshadowed by the bigger Golf, but both models were crucial to rebuilding the brand after the demise of the marque's legendary Beetle.

VW had persisted with the 'Bug' just too long, but it was able to regenerate in the 1970s by using recently-acquired subsidiary Audi's advanced front-wheel-drive, water-cooled power-trains – indeed, the original Polo was simply a lightly-reworked Audi 50.

The Polo has since run to five generations and spawned those VW Audi Group spin-offs, the Seat Ibiza, Skoda Fabia and, most recently, Audi A1 – payback perhaps for that brand's assistance at the beginning of the story.

The latest Polo was European Car of the Year in 2010 and is a particular UK favourite, being the nation's eighth-best-selling car in 2012 and set to finish in the top 10 again this year.

But this must be viewed in context: Polo sales were less than half that of the table's No 1 and No 2 cars and supermini rivals, the Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa respectively.

On the other hand, Fiesta and Corsa registrations are dominated by company-car sales, suggesting that private buyers are more likely to put their money into the Polo, which is seen as more premium and a popular choice for people downsizing from bigger cars while still demanding comfort and some prestige.

And they will particularly like this week's test car, the five-door Polo Match 1.4-litre petrol (£13,710).

The Match trim (from £12,045), a some-time limited edition that has become more permanent on VWs, brings decent spec at a sensible price and the Polo deal includes air-con, adjustable/heated door mirrors, electric windows all round, USB/iPod/Bluetooth connectivity and alloys.

With the four-cylinder 1.4 85PS (83bhp) and five-speed gearbox, this gives you a smart and respectable supermini that is smooth, refined and economical and can be sold on later for an above-average second-hand value.

Driven sensibly, you should also get an average mpg in the mid-40s; you could opt for a diesel (from £14,265) to get even better economy, but about 80 per cent of Polo-buyers go for petrol, recognising that you will pay more up-front for an 'oil-burner' and must cover many miles to claw back that money in fuel savings.

A diesel under the bonnet also destroys some of the everyday pleasure of the Polo; while it is not the ultimate drive in its class, it's not far off unless you saddle it with the weight of a diesel engine.

The 1.4 petrol unit also delivers a good balance of power (0-62mph in 11.9 seconds) with economy, though you can have Polo prestige for much less by opting for the entry-level three-cylinder 1.2 petrol engine.

However, that brings a level of engine intrusion and lack of puff that undermines the Polo's upmarket feel and may take the shine off your ownership.

The car's seemingly rock-solid interior is typically well arranged and uses high-quality soft-touch plastics and well-designed upholstery. Easy fold-flat rear seats allow for extra-large cargoes and there is ample stowage around the car.

Indeed, it is extremely hard to find fault with the Polo; like the Golf, it is the benchmark by which all others should be judged and, while it might not excel in every area, it will definitely not let the side down either.

It also has the Golf's ability to crash right through car snobbery; the 'people's car' interpretation of Volkswagen may be less relevant now, but you might imagine a peer arriving at his London club in a Polo just as easily as a luxurious VW Phaeton.

VW POLO MATCH 1.4 85PS 5-DR: PRICE £13,710



ALL IN THE DETAIL: VW's Polo is now into its fifth incarnation and remains a firm favourite among UK buyers; it continues to be a car with which it is hard to find fault

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH HM222 AT DYMCHURCH & BURMARSH) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

The above Order was made on 18th June 2013 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Footpath which commences on the A259 in the parish of Dymchurch at NGR TR1275 3191 (point A on the Order plan) through a gap at the side of a 4-metre wide gate, and runs in a north-north-easterly direction for 1404 metres to its connection with Botolphs Bridge Road (C414) in the parish of Burmarsh at NGR TR 1215 3317 (point C on the Order plan). The path crosses the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Light Railway line at grade at NGR TR 1237 3279. (Between the points A-B-C). The path has an initial width of 0.96 metre via a gap at the side of a 4-metre wide gate; it then opens out to 4.0 metres until the end of Brockman Crescent; the remainder of the path is 5.0 metres wide.

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For job description and application form please contact:
Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd, The Spencer Private Hospital, 2nd Floor, Atina House, Bench Street, Dover, Kent CT16 1JH
Telephone: **01304 245951** | Fax: **01304 207320** | E-mail: **jo.edwards@spencerhospitals.com**
Alternatively you can download an application form and job description from our website **www.spencerprivatehospitals.com**
Closing date for applications Monday 14 July

STAFF NURSE OUTPATIENTS (MARGATE) Part time position
Qualifications Registered Nurse 1st Level
Minimum 6 months experience in hospital setting
Ability to work independently
To discuss these opportunities and benefits or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:
Carolyn Flegg, Outpatient Manager – 01843 234555 x 63425

WEEKEND RECEPTIONIST (MARGATE) Part time position (12 hours)
Qualifications Maths and English (GCSE or equivalent).
2 years working with the public
Word, IT Skills, Booking Systems
To discuss these opportunities and benefits or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:
Caroline McSkeane, Outpatients Admin Supervisor – 01843 234372
For job description and application form please contact:
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The Spencer Private Hospital is an equal opportunity employer. These positions are subject to a Data & Barring Service Disclosure check

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Allowances Paid during the 2012/13 Financial Year under the 2012/13 Members' Allowance Scheme

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 No. 1021 Part 3 (15) the Council is required as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of a financial year to make arrangements for the publication in their area of the total sum paid to each member in respect of the following allowances; basic, special responsibility, carers', travelling/subsistence and co-optees'.

Members' Allowances 2012-13

Pay Ref	Surname	Basic Allowance	Special Allowance	Carers' Allowance	Travelling/ Subsistence	Co-optees Allowance	Total
		£	£	£		£	£
2719	Assirati	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	333.35	333.35
2459	Atwood	539.26	1,711.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.28
2782	Backhouse	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
1373	Barrington-King	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	202.55	0.00	14,471.63
2467	Basu	5,279.04	612.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,891.58
1757	Bothwell	5,279.04	495.00	0.00	139.50	0.00	5,913.54
708	Bulman	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
2779	Chapelard	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
1375	Cobbold	5,279.04	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,259.04
2895	Codd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
2324	Crowhurst	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	448.96	0.00	5,728.00
713	Cunningham	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	3,792.75	0.00	18,061.83
2821	Derrick	5,279.04	1,131.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,410.98
2328	Elliott	5,279.04	1,320.00	0.00	189.90	0.00	6,788.94
2842	Greene	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
1378	Hall (L)	5,279.04	1,131.94	0.00	916.52	0.00	7,327.50
2393	Hall (G)	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
2822	Hastie	5,279.04	1,697.90	0.00	38.65	0.00	7,015.59
2594	Hedges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
2462	Henshaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	333.35	333.35
2823	Hill	5,279.04	2,108.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,387.23
2703	Hills	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
2469	Holden	5,279.04	4,526.92	0.00	832.90	0.00	10,638.86
718	Horwood	5,279.04	1,697.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,976.94
721	Jukes	5,279.04	15,957.28	0.00	1,579.20	0.00	22,815.52
2931	Lewis (A)	4,739.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.78
2889	Lewis (M)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
1575	Lockhart	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
2463	Mackenzie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
2806	March	5,279.04	7,709.20	0.00	288.00	133.34	13,409.58
757	Mayhew	5,279.04	5,807.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,086.80
2704	McDermott	5,279.04	7,217.00	0.00	341.36	0.00	12,837.40
2460	Moore	539.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	539.26
727	Neve	5,279.04	2,846.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,125.35
728	Noakes	5,279.04	1,320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,599.04
1382	Palmer	5,279.04	752.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,031.16
2930	Patterson	4,739.78	424.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,164.26
2621	Pawson	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	539.60	539.60
2623	Poile	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
732	Price	5,279.04	1,414.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,693.08
2458	Ransley	539.26	918.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,457.60
2824	Rogers	5,279.04	1,697.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,976.94
2705	Rook	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
734	Rusbridge	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,558.08
736	Scholes	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
2934	Scott	4,739.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.78
2400	Segall Jones	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
1793	Simmons	333.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	333.73
1383	Smith	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	738.25	0.00	6,017.29
2622	Soyke	5,279.04	1,131.94	0.00	287.46	0.00	6,698.44
2511	Spanswick	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	333.35	333.35
2466	Stanyer	5,279.04	752.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,031.16
1384	Thomas	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	99.90	0.00	5,378.94
2928	Tompsett	4,739.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.78
2339	Varney	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,158.35	1,158.35
741	Waldock	5,279.04	752.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,031.16
760	Ward	5,279.04	1,176.60	0.00	981.40	0.00	7,437.04
2929	Wauchope	4,739.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.78
2825	Weatherly	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
2826	Webb	5,279.04	2,108.19	0.00	30.10	0.00	7,417.33
744	Weeden	5,279.04	70.52	0.00	484.80	0.00	5,834.36
1385	Williams	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
2932	Woodward	4,739.78	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	4,809.78
2988	Wright	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	243.02	243.02
	TOTAL	**249,913.87**	**102,718.43**	**0.00**	**11,462.20**	**7,874.60**	**371,969.10**

The co-optees' allowance recognise the time devoted by those co-opted members who serve on the Audit and Governance Committee of the Council but who are not elected members of the Council. In light of the Localism Act 2011 the Standards Committee was dissolved on 18 July 2012 with the ethical governance functions transferred to the Audit and Governance Committee.
All allowances reflect an element of voluntary public service.
Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.
Lee M. Colyer CPFA
Head of Finance & Governance (s151 Officer)
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

WBM SCAFFOLDING LTD of Home Farm, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SP is applying for a licence to use Home Farm, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SP as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

LICENSING ACT 2003

An application has been made by: **Rusthall Football Club** for the premises **Jockey Farm, Nellington Lane, Rusthall**
On the date of: **28th June 2013**

Summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:

To vary the license, to enable music events at the above premises on Saturday 10th August 10am - 9pm. Any future events to be notified to the council 30 days before and local residence informed in advance.

Any person wishing to view details of an application may contact the Licensing Partnership on 01732 227004

Any person wishing to make representation about the application should make them in writing on or before the: 28th July 2013

Licensing Partnership, PO BOX 182, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1GP
licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk
http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-licensing

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5000.

To advertise in this section 01303 817056

LICENSING ACT 2003: Application for Premises Licence

Mr Shane Jarvis has made an application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 for a premises licence for Ground Floor Café, Bellerophon House, Doust Way, Rochester, Medway ME1 1HH. The application is for the **Sale of Alcohol (Monday to Sunday 11am – 22:30), and Regulated Entertainment (Monday to Sunday 11am – 22:30)**.

This application has been made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR. Full details of the application and plans can be viewed at Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR during normal hours of business.

Any interested party who wishes to make a representation about this application should do so in writing to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR or by sending an email to licensing@medway.gov.uk no later than 4th August 2013

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application which, upon conviction, carries a maximum fine of £5,000.

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/CA/0187/2013 - Proposed development at St John's Primary School, St John's Place, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BD

KCC Property Group is applying to the Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the refurbishment and internal alterations to the existing school buildings, including the AEC. Demolition of existing outbuildings including Horsa huts and air raid shelter and the erection of a new single storey reception block and separate single storey nursery classroom block all within the existing site boundary. The proposed development is within the Canterbury City Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance and also affects the setting of nearby listed buildings. The development site is in close proximity to, and may affect a public right of way.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the City Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 7 July 2013

PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF NEWINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Newington Community Primary School & Nursery, Princess Margaret Avenue, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 6HX from 1 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 90 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 630 places. The school will admit 90 children into Year R in September 2014 and subsequent years.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 446. The current published admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marisa White, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01227 284614. Copies are also available on the KCC website: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Marisa White, Area Education Officer, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3SS.

Email: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk. The closing date for objections and comments is 5 August 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 7 July 2013

Explanatory Note:
Newington Community Primary School & Nursery will admit up to 90 pupils in Year R in September 2013 at the request of the Local Authority on a temporary basis.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LANSDOWNE (COMMUNITY) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Lansdowne (Community) Primary School, Gladstone Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3BH from 1 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 60 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 420 places. The school will admit 60 children into Year R in September 2014 and subsequent years.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 203. The current published admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

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Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 7 July 2013

Explanatory Note:
Lansdowne Primary School will admit up to 60 pupils in Year R in September 2013 at the request of the Local Authority on a temporary basis.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LOWER HALSTOW SCHOOL (COMMUNITY PRIMARY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Lower Halstow (Community Primary) School, School Lane, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7ES from 1 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 30 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 210 places. The school will admit 30 children into Year R in September 2014 and subsequent years.

The current capacity of the school is 140 and the proposed capacity will be 210. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 132. The current published admission number for the school is 20 and the proposed admission number will be 30.

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Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 7 July 2013

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Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2012/13

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the schedule below lists the Members' Allowance paid in accordance with the Swale Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme for the financial year 2012/13.

Under these regulations each Councillor is entitled to claim the Basic Allowance and those Councillors who have identified special responsibilities can claim the Special Responsibility Allowance applicable. Councillors can receive a £100 contribution towards their IT costs. Travel allowances are made in accordance with the mileage rates published in the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

The Members' Allowances Scheme can be inspected on the Council's website or during normal office hours at the Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne.

3 July 2013

MARK RADFORD
Corporate Services Director

Councillor Name	Basic Allowance	Special responsibility	IT Allowance	Travel
	£	£	£	£
Barnicott Richard	3,342.96	3,510.00	100.00	607.10
Bennett Sylvia	3,342.96		100.00	6.26
Bobbin George	3,342.96			1,047.96
Bonney Monique	3,342.96		100.00	0.00
Booth Andy	3,342.96		100.00	968.22
Bowen Lloyd	3,342.96		100.00	156.92
Bowles Andrew	3,342.96	11,700.00	100.00	2,491.78
Constable Jackie	3,342.96		100.00	33.65
Constable Michael	3,342.96	1,170.00		193.41
Conway Derek	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	0.00
Cosgrove Michael	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	893.91
Coulter John	3,342.96		100.00	303.80
Crowther Adrian	3,342.96		100.00	440.23
Dewar-Whalley Duncan	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	574.01
Ellen Mark	3,342.96		100.00	460.66
Garrad June	3,342.96		100.00	409.70
Gent Edward	3,342.96		100.00	26.40
Gent Susan	3,342.96		100.00	36.72
Hampshire Nicholas	3,342.96	1,170.00	100.00	407.01
Harrison Angela	3,342.96	3,218.04	100.00	496.47
Haywood Michael	3,342.96	3,217.56	100.00	0.00
Henderson Michael	3,342.96		100.00	760.56
Ingham Lesley	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	755.62
Lewin Gerald	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	1,318.64
Marchington Peter	3,342.96			185.06
McCusker Martin	3,342.96		100.00	0.00
Morris John	3,342.96	1,170.00		25.44
Mulhern Bryan	3,342.96			98.28
Prescott Colin	3,342.96		100.00	2,267.40
Pugh Kenneth	3,342.96		100.00	477.42
Randall Gareth	3,342.96		100.00	0.00
Sandle Patricia	3,342.96		100.00	708.85
Sargent David	3,342.96		100.00	0.00
Simmons David	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	1,003.00
Stokes Benjamin	3,342.96		100.00	114.81
Tolhurst Adam	3,342.96	536.26	100.00	21.12
Truelove Roger	3,342.96	3,218.04	100.00	57.56
Walker Anita	3,342.96		100.00	36.90
Whelan Ghlin	3,342.96	2,681.70	100.00	77.10
Whiting Michael	3,342.96		100.00	69.19
Wilcox Ted	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	645.43
Williams Nick	3,342.96		100.00	0.00
Willicombe Alan	3,342.96			93.36
Willicombe Jean	3,342.96		100.00	62.42
Winckless Anthony	3,342.96		100.00	0.00
Worrall Stephen	3,342.96			319.80
Wright John	3,342.96	7,020.00	100.00	1,303.29
Total	**157,119.12**	**87,751.60**	**4,000.00**	**19,955.46**

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/13/0632/N - HOME FARM OAST, BOUGHTON ROAD, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2BE - The installation of a 17.5m dual-user Elara monopole to replace existing 15m monopole with No.2 300 attached dish, additional equipment cabinets and ancillary development. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1016/S - MARSHALLS PLACE, AMBER LANE, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3SE - Insertion of 2(no) front dormer windows into roof slope of side extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1025/S - 2, THE HOLLOW, CHARLTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0NS - Fit 2 new windows in flank elevation to replace 1 no: existing window. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1041/S - CHAREDA, PICKERING STREET, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9RH - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 No. 4 bed detached houses and associated parking. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1045/S - OLD FOWLE HALL, QUEEN STREET, PADDOCK WOOD, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 6PL - Alterations to three existing oast kilns, including the reinstatement of timber cowls and the insertion of new openings, and the reinstatement of a stowage barn, all ancillary to the enjoyment of the main dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1052/N - MANOR FARM HOUSE, CHURCH GREEN, UPPER STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1HW - Proposed double garage and workshop with ancillary accommodation above. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/13/1072/S - 4, COURT LODGE FARM OAST, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JL - Erection of stockproof fence. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1074/S - 1 HALF YOKE HOUSE, HALF YOKE, FARLEIGH LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9NA - An application for listed building consent for works involved in the conversion of an outbuilding to a residential annexe. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1081/N - GODDINGTON OAST, GODDINGTON LANE, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1JX - Erection of detached cart bay garage/log store. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1082/N - GODDINGTON OAST, GODDINGTON LANE, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1JX - An application for listed building consent for the erection of detached cart bay garage/log store. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **21st July 2013**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 7th July 2013.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING APPLICATIONS
LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS
CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DOV/13/00481 Erection of an attached double garage extension
Eagles Nest Chalet, Old Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne, Folkestone, CT18 7HW **ARW**

DOV/13/00474 Installation of three antennas and four 300mm dishes to existing mast
East Valley Farm, St Margaret's at Cliffe, Dover, CT15 6HF **ARW**

DOV/13/00125 Erection of 3 refuse storage areas
Aynsley Court, Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DU **CON**

DOV/13/00318 Display of blue plaque
Dover College, Effingham Crescent, Dover, CT17 9RH **LCN**

DOV/13/00484 Erection of a single storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished)
Apple Tree Cottage, Slip Lane, Alkham, Dover, CT15 7DA **CON**

DOV/13/00488 Change of use and conversion to five self contained flats
First & Second Floors, 21 Market Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DA **LCN**

DOV/13/00489 Change of use and conversion to five self contained flats and associated internal alterations
First & Second Floors, 21 Market Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DA **LCN**

DOV/13/00500 Conversion of garage to habitable room and insertion of roof lantern
41 The Grove, Deal, CT14 9TL **ARW**

DOV/13/00487 Erection of a rear extension to existing garage
9 Courtlands, Kingsdown, Deal, CT14 8BW **ARW**

DOV/13/00399 Erection of a side dormer roof extension and rear rooflight, insertion of window to rear elevation and associated works
59 Beach Street, Deal, CT14 6HY **LCN**

DOV/13/00400 Erection of a side dormer roof extension, rear rooflight and insertion of window to rear elevation together with associated internal and external alterations
59 Beach Street, Deal, CT14 6HY **LCN**

DOV/13/00429 Erection of a chimney surround
13 Golden Street, Deal, CT14 6JU **LCN**

DOV/13/00459 Erection of a detached replacement dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished)
One The Old Fairground, High Street, Wingham, Canterbury, CT3 1BU **CAF**

Reason for Advert Codes:-
ARW - Affects a Public Right of Way **CON** - Within Conservation Area
LCN - Listed Building in a Conservation Area
CAF - The proposal affects a Conservation Area

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995
NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A DIRECTION UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 6 APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has made a Direction under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 to which article 6 applies ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 9am and 1.30pm on Saturday.

You have the right to make representations or objections in respect of the Direction. Any such representations or objections must be made in writing to the Head of Planning Services, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS, within 28 days from the 8th of July 2013

The Direction was made by the Authority on the 3rd of July 2013 and comes into force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice on the 6th of July 2013 which is the date on which this Notice is first published. However, the Direction will expire on the 5th of January 2014 unless confirmed by the local planning authority before the end of the six month period.

FIRST SCHEDULE
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 2 - MINOR OPERATIONS

Class A

The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure.

Class B

The formation, laying out and construction of a means of access to a highway which is not a trunk road or a classified road, where that access is required in connection with permitted development, being development comprised within Class B of Part 2 of Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 4 - TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND USES

Class B

The use of the land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar year, of which not more than 14 days in total may be for the purposes referred to in paragraph B.2, and the provision on the land of any movable structure for the purpose of the permitted use.

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 1.2 hectares known as Hatchin Tan to the south west side of Grandshore Lane, Frittenden, Cranbrook, Kent .

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Dated : 6th July 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF OSPRINGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Ospringe Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School, Water Lane, Ospringe, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8TX from 1 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 45 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 315 places. The school will admit 45 children into Year R in September 2014 and subsequent years.

The current capacity of the school is 230 and the proposed capacity will be 315. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 202. The current published admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 45.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marisa White, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01227 284614. Copies are also available on the KCC website: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Marisa White, Area Education Officer, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3SS.

Email: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk. The closing date for objections and comments is 5 August 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 7 July 2013

Explanatory Note:
Ospringe CE Primary School admitted 40 pupils in Year R in September 2011 and 2012 and will admit 40 children in Year R in September 2013 at the request of the Local Authority on a temporary basis in existing accommodation.

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Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
7. This application affects trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 22 JULY 2013

SW/13/0216:
Conversion of 3 bedroom house to 2 no. two bedroom flats and proposed new development attached to provide 4 no. two bedroom flats with associated parking and amenity space - 126 London Road, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 7**

SW/13/0378:
Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to include a new kitchen + work station - Faversham Umbrella Charity, Court Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0551:
Erection of industrial storage building - Fresh Fruit Ltd, Old Pumping Station, Brielle Way, SHEERNESS; **REASON 4**

SW/13/0563:
Listed Building consent for internal works required to comply with building regulations including installation of gas flue terminal, chimney pots, extract ventilation, further flues, grilles and damp proof course - Forge House and Barrow House, The Street, BORDEN; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0697:
Proposed single storey rear and side extension - 21 Ospringe Place, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0702:
A proposed extension to an existing livestock building - Luddenham Court, LUDDENHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/13/0728:
Proposed temporary portacabin for laundry use - Howt Green Farm, Sheppey Way, BOBBING; **REASON 4**

SW/13/0759:
Side and rear extension. New garage with new bedroom over on one side. New study and bathroom on ground floor with new bedroom over in roof space. New bathroom in roof space to rear with new dormer windows - Pippins, The Street, BORDEN; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0761:
Proposed first floor extension above garage, loft conversion with dormers and side annexe extension - The Hollies, Place Lane, HARTLIP; **REASON 4**

SW/13/0790:
Re-siting of outbuildings; forming new access and blocking existing access; forming new porch at rear; enclosing existing front porch with installation of timber front door and side light windows; and forming new masonry wall - Sandbanks Court, Sandbanks Lane, GRAVENEY; **REASON 4**

SW/13/0791:
Demolition of existing timber garage and replacement with bespoke 'cartshed' style garage - Newhouse Court, SHELDWICH; **REASON 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/13/01003/FUL: 4-5 Upper Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NA Change of Use of ground floor from A3 to A1 with associated works. **Applicant: Pathania Limited** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01112/LB: Cafe du Soleil, 4-5 Pound Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2BZ Amend two existing windows to the riverside elevation by lowering the cills to the left and right hand windows adjacent to the recently constructed bridge entrance and relocate hanging sign to Pound Lane elevation. **Applicant: Cafe Du Soleil** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/13/01113/FUL: Cafe du Soleil, 4-5 Pound Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2BZ Amend two existing windows to the riverside elevation by lowering the cills to the left and right hand windows adjacent to the recently constructed bridge entrance. **Applicant: Cafe Du Soleil** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01149/FUL: 16 Union Road, Bridge, CT4 5LN Single-storey rear extension to main house and replacement windows to rear first-floor bedroom and en suite. Demolition of detached garage and garden outbuilding. Construction of detached garage and garden office. **Applicant: Mrs Swain** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01150/CAC: 16 Union Road, Bridge, CT4 5LN Removal of detached garage and garden outbuilding. **Applicant: Mrs Swain** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA/13/01153/FUL: 4 Glebe Way, Whitstable, CT5 4LW Single and two-storey domestic extensions. **Applicant: Mr A Sheldon** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01182/LB: 8 Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PE Internal and external alterations **Applicant: Lady Davson** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/13/01184/LB: 8 Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PE Change to colour of facade from light blue to light sandy grey and change to front door. **Applicant: Lady Davson** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/13/01185/FUL: 40 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HW Change of use from Class A1 Retail with ancillary residential accommodation to Class A4 Drinking Establishment with ancillary residential accommodation, plus internal works to ground floor area to facilitate drinking establishment use. No works are proposed to the first and second floors. No works are proposed to the exterior of the building including shopfront apart from repainting/handwritten fascia signage. **Applicant: Shepherd Neame Ltd** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01186/LB: 40 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HW Internal works to ground floor area and external works (repainting/handwritten fascia signage) associated with change of use from Class A1 Retail with ancillary residential accommodation to Class A4 Drinking Establishment with ancillary residential accommodation. **Applicant: Shepherd Neame Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/13/01188/LB: 5 Butchery Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2JR Minor internal works to ground floor bar area; replace window with door to Angel Courtyard **Applicant: Shepherd Neame Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/13/01196/FUL: Sunny Downs, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham, CT4 6HL Removal of existing roof and proposed additional bedrooms to first floor with new pitched roof to residence. Single-storey extension linked to house including day room, garage, gym and swimming pool. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Reynolds** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01218/FUL: Brambly Hedge, 11 Wye Green, Herne Bay, CT6 5UF Loft conversion with front and rear dormer windows and provision of window to gable end. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Castelino** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01219/FUL: 5, 6 and 7 Shipwrights Lee, Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EW Replacement of timber balustrades/screens with glass balustrades/screens. **Applicant: Architectural Services** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01220/OUT: Broadway Green Farm, Broadway, Petham, CT4 5RX Demolition of Atcost Barn and construction of new single dwelling within part of the volume of the existing structure. (Outline application). **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Cammegh** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01223/FUL: Land at Bakers Lane, Chartham, CT4 7QB Detached house and parking. **Applicant: Mr P Nash** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 29 July 2013.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 5 July 2013

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh Shepway District Council

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0660/SH+ - Little Stepway Church Hill Hythe Kent CT21 5DW - Felling of a Holm Oak tree situated within a conservation area.

Y13/0442/SH - Penny Cottage Dungeness Road Dungeness Romney Marsh Kent - Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling, sheds and removal of hardstanding.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

\# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BROMSTONE (COMMUNITY) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Bromstone (Community) Primary School, Rumfields Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2PW from 1 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 90 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 630 places. The school will admit 90 children into Year R in September 2014 and subsequent years.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 405. The current published admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marisa White, Area Education Officer - Telephone 01227 284614. Copies are also available on the KCC website: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Marisa White, Area Education Officer, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3SS.

Email: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk. The closing date for objections and comments is 5 August 2013.

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director Education, Learning & Skills

Date: 7 July 2013

Explanatory Note:
Bromstone Primary School will admit up to 90 pupils in Year R in September 2013 at the request of the Local Authority on a temporary basis.

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/01580/FUL **3 - 4 Crane Lane Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Re-instatement of property to two individual properties (CA)

13/01745/FUL **11 High Street Cranbrook, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Change of use from shop to professional services including estate agency (CA) (LB)

13/01726/HOUSE **29 Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Replacement and enlargement of balcony, blocking first floor flank elevation doorway and removal of metal staircase (CA)

13/01544/HOUSE **Bassetts Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**
- Part Retrospective - Replacing existing external boiler with new oil fired boiler sited to rear of house; Formation of replacement underground drainage system comprising new Klargester type sewage treatment plant and new underground drain; Extensions and alterations to paths; Erection of timber post and rail fencing along north side of driveway and erection of timber entrance gates and pedestrian gate; Erection of a small timber shed (LB)

13/01545/LBC **Bassetts Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent - Replace metal window frames on first floor with single-glazed timber casements (works carried out); Replace existing external boiler with new oil fired boiler sited to rear of house; Repair missing or loose roof tiles or wall tiles; Repair existing timber weatherboarding and window and door frames; Removal of stud partition between hall and study at ground floor; Creation of new en-suite bathroom to bedroom 2 at first floor; Replacement of existing sanitary ware; Erection of timber post and rail fencing along north side of driveway and erection of timber entrance gates and pedestrian gate; Erection of a small timber shed (LB)

13/01710/LBC **Park Farmhouse Smallbridge Road, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent - Essential repairs , conversion of barn into 2 no. 3 bedroom dwellings and regularisation of current works to outbuildings pending conversion (LB)

13/01716/FUL **Park Farmhouse Smallbridge Road, Horsmonden**
- Retrospective - essential repairs, conversion of barn into 2 no. 3 bedroom dwellings with access and parking and regularisation of current works to outbuildings pending conversion (LB)

13/01743/FUL **The Highwayman Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**
- Conversion and change of use of ground floor pub (A4) and first floor apartment to single dwelling house. Demolition of rear flat roof extension and demolition and rebuild of front section of garage. Use of adjacent garage and barn for parking and home (CA)

13/01566/LBC **Barclays Bank Plc 2 The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Listed Building Consent - Removal of existing internal fire exit at first floor from bank to residential unit (LB)

13/01705/HOUSE **The Coach House 5 Camden Hill, Park**
- Detached garden annexe (CA)

13/01724/FUL **Offices Great Hall, Park**
- Installation of two air conditioning units (CA)

13/00914/FULMJ **Hospice In The Weald Maidstone Road, Pembury**
- Increased staff and visitor car parking and cycle spaces; Alterations to vehicle access from adjoining highway; External works and landscaping; Provision of new garden feature; Removal and thinning of trees, and replacement planting (MAJOR)

13/01676/LBC **Carthouse Chalket Farm, Pembury**
- Listed Building Consent: Change of use of cart house to holiday accommodation; Retrospective - Garden wall and new gate (LB)

13/01713/FUL **David Salomons Estate Broomhill Road, Southborough Town Council**
- Regrading of recreation field (LB)

13/01779/CAC **1A Sheffield Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of light industrial unit (CA)

13/01753/HOUSE **Porters Ashurst Hill, Speldhurst**
- Roof extension and first floor side extension (LB)

13/01760/FUL **Garage Block & Land Albion Road, St James**
- Erection of 2 new dwelling houses (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 06 July 2013

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A DIRECTION UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 5 APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has made a Direction under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 9am and 1:30 pm on Saturday.

You have the right to make representations or objections in respect of the Direction. Any such representations or objections must be made in writing to the Head of Planning Services, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS, within 28 days from the 8th July 2013

The Direction was made on the 3rd July 2013 and it is proposed that it comes into force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice on 12 August 2013

FIRST SCHEDULE
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995
SCHEDULE 2 PART 5 - CARAVAN SITES

Class A

The use of the land, other than a building, as a caravan site in the circumstances referred to in paragraph A.2.

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 1.2 hectares known as Hatchin Tan to the south west side of Grandshore Lane, Frittenden, Cranbrook, Kent .

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Dated : 6 July 2013



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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS – GRAVESHAM AREA

WROTHAM ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to replacement of gas mains in Wrotham Road, Gravesend

Kent County Council intends to make following Order to become effective on, or after 22nd July 2013 for 19 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The following Temporary restrictions will apply at different phases of works when relevant signage is in place

No entry into Hillingdon Road from Wrotham Road, Gravesend.

No entry into The Fairway from Wrotham Road, Gravesend.

No entry into Dennis Road from Wrotham Road, Gravesend.

No entry into Hillingdon Road from Singlewell Road, Gravesend.

No entry into The Fairway from Singlewell Road, Gravesend.

No entry into Dennis Road from Singlewell Road, Gravesend.

The existing cycle lane in Wrotham Road – from 40m south of Dennis Road, Gravesend to 50m north of The Fairway, Gravesend. will be suspended for the duration of works.

Alternative routes will be via Wrotham Road, Chalky Bank, Harman Avenue, Singlewell Road , Cross Lane West and Wrotham Road.

HIGHWAYS – MAIDSTONE AREA

BOWER LANE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a new gas supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bower Lane, Maidstone, on or after 22 July 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed. The One Way Order will be suspended to allow for access.

The road will be closed between Evelyn Road and Newton Close.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Bower Place.

NORTH STREET, BARMING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a manhole cover and frame, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on North Street, Barming, on or after 10 July 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A26 Tonbridge Road and Heath Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Beverley Road, Heath Road.

HIGHWAYS – SHEPWAY AREA

A259 DYMCHURCH ROAD, ST MARY'S BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of junction modification works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on part of A259 Dymchurch Road, St Mary's Bay, as follows.

A259 Dymchurch Road, St Mary's Bay will be closed to through traffic for up to 150 metres either side of the junction with Dunstall Lane.

Closures are planned for the nights of 10 and 11 July 2013 between 19:00 hours through until 07:00 hours each night

Further closures are planned for the nights of 15 and 16 July 2013, also between 19:00 hours through until 07:00 hours each night.

The alternative route is via A259 Dymchurch Road, High Street, Lydd Road, Rhee Wall, A2070 Hamstreet Bypass, Ashford Road, Main Road, Barrow Hill, Ashford Road, A261 Hythe Road, London Road, A259 Military Road (westbound only), Dymchurch Road, Hythe Road, High Street and Dymchurch Road.

HIGHWAYS – SEVENOAKS AREA

BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the removal of dead wood from trees overhanging the highway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown, on or after 10th July 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Carter Avenue and Maplescombe Lane and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: London Road, Main Road Gorse Hill, A225 Eysnford Road, Maplescombe Lane.

HIGHWAYS – SWALE ARE

B2005 EUROLINK WAY, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of junction modification works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of B2005 Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne, as follows.

B2005 Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne will be closed at the junction with Castle Road, with no access between Eurolink Way and Swale Way.

The closure is planned to commence from Sunday 28 July 2013 for up to 1 day, between 08:00 hours and 16:00 hours.

If bad weather or other factors prevent works going ahead on this date, they will be deferred until the following Sunday 4 August 2013 at the same times.

The alternative route is via Eurolink Way, Crown Quay Lane, A2 St Michael's Road, (eastbound also via Dover Street and West Street), London Road, Key Street, Sheppey Way, A249 Iwade Bypass, B2005 Swale Way and Castle Road.

SOUTH STREET, QUEENBOROUGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of South Street, Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, as follows.

South Street will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with High Street.

The closure is planned to commence from 24 July 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via High Street, West Street and South Street.

HIGHWAYS – THANET AREA

CALLIS COURT ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on sections of Callis Court Road, Broadstairs, as follows.

Callis Court Road will be closed in 2 phases planned to commence from 25 July 2013 for an estimated total period of up to 6 weeks.

The start date of Phase 2 depends on weather and ground conditions, and will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

PHASE 1 – closure between the junctions with Northcliffe Gardens and Lanthorne Road

The alternative route is via Elmwood Avenue, B2052 North Foreland Hill, North Foreland Road and Lanthorne Road

PHASE 2 – closure between the junctions with Lanthorne Road and Grange Road

The alternative route is via Stanley Road, Lindenthorpe Road, King's Avenue and Lanthorne Road

B2052 NORTH FORELAND ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of street lighting replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of B2052 North Foreland Road, Broadstairs, as follows.

North Foreland Road will be closed between the junctions with Lanthorne Road and Crescent Road.

The closures are planned to commence from 22 July 2013 for up to 3 days, between 09:00 hours and 16:00 hours each day.

The alternative route is via Lanthorne Road, Callis Court Road, Elmwood Avenue and B2052 North Foreland Hill.

Access for residents in North Foreland Avenue and Foreland Heights will be maintained.

SOUND ISLAND FESTIVAL 2013 (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

In the interests of road safety during the Sound Island Music Festival, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic in the vicinity of Quex Park, Birchington, as shown below.

Restrictions will apply from Saturday 27 July at 04:00 hours and will remain in force when the relevant signage is displayed on site. Restrictions will be removed as soon as it is safe to do so, by no later than Sunday 28 July 2013 at 23:59 hours.

B2050 MANSTON ROAD, BIRCHINGTON will be closed to through traffic between the junctions with B2048 Park Lane / Acol Hill and Shottendane Road.

There will be managed access on Manston Road, restricted to traffic attending the music festival.

MARGATE HILL, ACOL will be closed to through traffic, its use restricted to event-bound traffic which will initially be directed north eastwards to reach the event, then subsequently directed south westwards to leave.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2050 Manston Road, B2190 Spitfire Way, Minster Road, The Street and Acol Hill.

B2048 PARK LANE, BIRCHINGTON will be closed to northbound traffic from the junction with B2050. Park Lane will therefore become one-way, southbound only, from Birchington towards Acol.

The alternative route for northbound traffic is via Crispe Road, Seamark Road and A28 Canterbury Road

There will be No Left Turn into Park Lane from the following side roads

Anvil Close, Holton Close, Stringer Drive and Brunswick Road

There will be No Right Turn into Park Lane for traffic leaving Quex Estate and from the following side roads

Stone Barn Avenue and both junctions of Woodland Avenue

Brunswick Road may be closed at the junction with Park Lane at certain times if there is an operational need for this. Access to the A28 will remain via alternative side roads

VARIOUS ROADS, MARGATE & RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Margate and Ramsgate, as follows.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as follows.

PARAGON STREET, RAMSGATE closed for its entire length

26 July to 6 August 2013 (excluding weekends)

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow access when this is safe.

The alternative route is via Addington Street, Townley Street, Royal Road and B2054 Paragon

BATH PLACE, MARGATE closed for its entire length

6 – 16 August 2013 (excluding weekend)

Alternative routes

Eastbound via Bath Road, Dane Road and Grotto Hill

Westbound via Clifton Gardens, Northdown Road and Bath Road

CLIFF STREET, RAMSGATE closed for its entire length

19 – 23 August 2013

Alternative route is via Queen Street, Grundy's Hill, Albert Street and Rose Hill

Roads will be closed between 08:30 hours and 16:30 hours each day, weekdays only, and otherwise re-opened.

Waiting will be prohibited at any time on both sides of each of the roads between 08:00 hours and 17:00 hours on the days that works are being carried out.

VARIOUS ROADS, THANET (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Thanet area, as follows.

The roads affected, dates and times of closure and alternative routes are as follows.

B2052 STONE ROAD, BROADSTAIRS closed between the junctions with Lanthorne Road and Knights Avenue

26 July 2013 for up to **3 days**, 09:30 hours to 15:30 hours

Alternative route via Lanthorne Road, King's Avenue and Knight's Avenue

RUMFIELDS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS closed for its entire length

28 July 2013 for up to **3 days**, 09:00 hours to 15:00 hours

Alternative route via A256 Westwood Road, A255 Broadstairs Road and Fairfield Road

PRESTON ROAD, MANSTON closed for its entire length

31 July 2013 for **1 day**, 07:30 hours to 16:30 hours

Alternative route via Manston Court Road and Manston Road

TIVOLI ROAD, MARGATE closed for its entire length

1 August 2013 for up to **3 days**, 09:30 hours to 14:30 hours

Alternative route via Hartsdown Road, A28 Canterbury Road, Marine Terrace, Belgrave Road and Eaton Road

These works are weather dependent, and adverse conditions may prevent some works going ahead on the dates shown. New dates will be notified for any that need to be postponed.

HIGHWAYS – TONBRIDGE & MALLING

DEAKIN LEAS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install drainage and reconstruct the road, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, on or after 25 July 2013 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A2014 Pembury Road to outside number 8.

The alternative route is via A2014 Pembury Road, The Drive, Baltic Road.

A20 LONDON ROAD, STATION ROAD, NEW ROAD, DITTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, SPEED RESTRICTION, SUSPENSION OF CYCLE LANE, PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN & PROHIBITION OF PARKING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of mains laying, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road and New Road and various prohibitions on A20 London Road, Ditton, on or after 8 July 2013 or until the works have been completed.

8th July 2013 for a period of 17 weeks–A20 London Road:

20mph speed limit between Bell Lane and 350m east of Station Road

Cycle Lane suspension between Orchard Grove and 350m east of Station Road

Closure of eastbound slip road between Station Road and A20 London Road and prohibition of left turn from Station Road

Prohibition of parking in A20 layby between numbers 543 and 551

25th July 2013 for a period of up to 6 weeks – Station Road and New Road:

Closure of New Road and Station Road at their junctions with A20 London Road

The alternative route for Station Road is via Hall Road and A20 London Road and for New Road is via A20 London Road and Woodlands Road.

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Dated 7th July 2013

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HIGHWAYS – ASHFORD AREA

A2042 BAD MUNSTEREIFEL ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road, Ashford, as follows.

The westbound carriageway of the A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road will be closed from the A2070 'Cloverleaf' junction westwards to the junction with Romney Marsh Road.

Closures are planned to commence from 23 July 2013 for up to 2 nights, between 20:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

The alternative route is via A2070 (Cloverleaf) westbound offslip, Sheepfold Lane, Bluebell Road, Forestall Meadow and A2042 Romney Marsh Road.

The eastbound carriageway is unaffected.

BRISSENDEN GREEN LANE, BETHERSDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace a culvert and repairs to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Brissenden Green Lane, Bethersden, as follows.

Brissenden Green Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Standard Lane with no through access.

The closure is planned to commence from 8 July 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Standard Lane, A28 Ashford Road and Woodchurch Road.

HIGHWAYS – CANTERBURY AREA

BEST LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow remedial carriageway works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Best Lane, Canterbury, as shown below.

Best Lane will be closed between High Street and the entrance to Orange Street Car Park.

The closure is planned to commence from 8 July 2013 for up to 1 week, or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via High Street, Guildhall Street and Orange Street.

LOUNGE ON THE FARM, CANTERBURY (RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public during the 'Lounge On The Farm' Music Festival, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic and pedestrians, as detailed below.

Restrictions will be in effect from 08:00 hours on Thursday 25 July until 12:00 hours on Monday 29 July 2013 inclusive, except where otherwise stated.

MERTON LANE, CANTERBURY will be closed between the junctions with B2068 Nackington Road and Stuppington Lane.

There will be managed access into and out of Nackington Road for those involved in or attending the 'Lounge on the Farm' event, and for residents and businesses within the closed section of road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2068 Nackington Road, Old Dover Road, Ethelbert Road, South Canterbury Road and Stuppington Lane.

30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD, CANTERBURY - a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph will be imposed between the junction with Bridge Road and the existing 30 mph / 40 mph speed limit sign to the south of the junction with Langton Lane

NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on the sections of road defined below (except for emergency services), when indicated by 'No Waiting' cones on site.

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD - from the junction with Bridge Road to the existing double yellow lines to south of the junction with Langton Lane

MERTON LANE NORTH - from the junction with Nackington Road for a distance of 250 metres, to the entrance to the Rugby Club

CHURCH LANE – from the junction with Nackington Road, for its entire length

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

The use of sections of various footpaths in the vicinity of Merton Farm will be prohibited as detailed below, as indicated by signage and maps on site.

The restrictions on footpaths will be in force from Friday 26 July 2013 through until Sunday 28 July inclusive.

CB348 / CC66A – the Public Footpath between Nackington Road and Merton Lane will be closed for its entire length.

CC65 – the Public Footpath from Nackington Road, along Merton Lane through Merton Farm (TR 149 549) will be closed for its entire length.

CB358 – the Bridleway will be closed from Merton Farm (TR 149 549) to the junction with Footpath CB357

The temporary road and footpath closures and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs when they are in operation during the event.

HIGHWAYS – DARTFORD AREA

BOB DUNN WAY DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Bob Dunn Way and Marsh Street North Dartford (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013 SECTION 16A

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marsh Street north and eastbound traffic on Bob Dunn Way Dartford to allow the Midnight man event to take place on or after 27th July 2013 and the 28th July2013 between the hours of 6pm and 5am

The alternative route is via Burnham Road, Victoria Road ,Hythe Street, Westgate road, Home Garden, East Hill, The Brent,London Road,St Clements Way Crossways Boulevard, Littlebrook Manor Way , Binnie Road and Brunel way

HIGHWAYS – DARTFORD/SEVENOAKS AREA

VARIOUS ROAD, DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
Various Road, Dartford (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013SECTION 16A)

Because of Dartford Half Marathon, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Road, Dartford, on or after 14th July 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed. Please see schedule 1

The Order will become effective on 14th July 2013; the event is planned to last 1 day between 09.00hrs – 12.00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be as noted in schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1

Road name:	Lowfield Street, Dartford
Extent:	Parsonage Lane and Darenth Road (rolling road closure)
Diversion:	No diversion required Traffic management Vehicle slow moving behind runners, delays up to 10 minutes no closure required
Road name:	Princes Road, Dartford
Extent:	Junction of Lowfield Street
Diversion:	Traffic stopped for 10 minutes to allow runners to pass
Road name:	Parsonage Lane, Hawley/Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Roman Villa Road.
Diversion:	Signed Diversion route from Parsonage Lane roundabout to Darenth Hill roundabout (and vice versa) via Hawley Road, Princes Road and Green St Green Rd and the reverse
Road name:	Darenth Hill, Darenth closed from 09:10 to 11:00
Extent:	Between its junctions Roman Villa Road and Green Street Green Road.
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	Roman Villa Road, Darenth closed from 09:10 to 11:00
Extent:	Between its junctions with Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road and A225 Princes Road
Road name:	Rabbits Road, South Darenth closed from 09:10 to 11:00
Extent:	Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Canada Farm Road
Diversion:	Shrubbery Road, Holmesdale Hill, St Margarets Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road name:	Gills Road, South Darenth closed from 09:10 to 11:00
Extent:	Between its junctions with Holmesdale Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	Wilson Lane, South Darenth closed from 09:10 to 11:00
Extent:	Between its junctions with Gills Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	Canada Farm Road, South Darenth closed from 09:10 to 11:00
Extent:	Between its junctions with Three Gates Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	Valley Road, Fawkham Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road name:	St Margarets Road, Darenth road closed closed from 09:20 to 11:00 from Homesdale Hill
Extent:	To B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	St Margarets Road, Darenth from 09:45 to 11:00
Extent:	closed at its junction with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for periods up to 5 minutes to allow runners to pass
Road Names:	Lady wood Road, Hill Rise, Bennett Way and Wood Lane from 09:50 to 11:00
Extent:	closed at its junction with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for periods up to 5 minutes to allow runners to pass
Road name:	Gore Road Closed
Extent:	Between Darenth Park Avenue and Trollingdown
Diversion:	Trollingdown hill, Green Street Green Road, Princes Road and Gore Road.
Road Names:	Oakwood Close from 10:00 to 11:30
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for periods up to 5 minutes to allow runners to pass
Road Names:	Pilgrims Way from 10:00 to 11:30 No right turn from Park road into Pilgrims way
Diversion:	Park road and the Brent.
Road Names:	Park Road from 10:00 to 11:30
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for periods up to 5 minutes to allow runners to pass
Road Names:	Darenth Road and Darenth Road fast track from 10:00 to 12:00
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for periods up to 5 minutes to allow runners to pass

HIGHWAYS – DOVER AREA

KING STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of footway renewal works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Sandwich, as follows.

King Street will be closed between the junctions with Austin's Lane and St Peter's Street.

The closure is planned to commence from 8 July 2013 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via No Name Street, Cattle Market, Harnet Street, Strand Street, High Street and Short Street.

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF DOVER)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO.1 ORDER 2013

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1984) as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order.

SANDWICH ROAD, SHOLDEN

The effect of the proposed Order will amend the existing 50mph speed limit;

1) From a point 95 metres northwest of Sholden New Road to a point 304 metres northwest of Sholden New Road will be reduced to a 30mph speed limit and
2) From its junction with Bridge Hill to a point 304 metres northwest of Sholden New Road 50mph speed limit.

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for making the proposed Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined on Mondays to Friday at the offices of Dover District Council offices, Whitfield Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ and Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD and Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ during normal opening times

If you wish to support or object to the proposals you should write to The TRO Co-ordinator, 125-135 Brenchley House, Week Street, Maidstone, ME14 1RF or by email to TRO@amey.co.uk stating the name of the order and your reasons, by not later than 12 noon on 29th July 2013.

(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)

(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)

AMENDMENT No.19 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL intends to make the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984:

1) The effect of the proposed named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines;

LONDON ROAD, SHOLDEN

a) On the North-Eastern side of the road

From a point 23 metres south-east of its junction with Sholden New Road to the junction with Sholden New Road

b) On the South-Western side of the road

From a point opposite the centre line of Sholden New Road to a point 25 metres in south-easterly direction

PADDOCK CLOSE, SHOLDEN

On both sides of the road

From its junction with Sholden New Road for a distance of 12 metres in a south-easterly direction

SHOLDEN NEW ROAD

1) On the south-eastern side
 a) From its junction with London Road for a distance of 10 metres in an north-easterly direction
 b) Between points 10 metres south-west and 12 metres north-east of its junction with Paddock Close
2) On the north-western side

From its junction with London Road for a distance of 38 metres in a north-easterly direction

SANDWICH ROAD, SHOLDEN

1) On the North-Eastern side of the road

From its junction with Sholden New Road to a point 368 metres north-west of the junction with Sholden New Road

2) On the South-Western side of the road

From a point opposite the centre line of Sholden New Road to a point 373 metres in a north-westerly direction

IN NEW ACCESS ROAD TO THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, SHOLDEN

a) On both sides of the new access road

From its junction with Sandwich Road for a distance of 9 metres in a north-easterly direction

IN ACCESS ROAD TO COTTINGTON LAKES

On both sides of the access road

From its junction with Sandwich Road for a distance of 5 metres in a north-easterly direction

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FOOTBALL



Picture: ADY KERRY

RECIPE: Bayo is the right ingredient for the Gills

Bayo is back but search for No 10 still on

GILLINGHAM could still be looking to bring another striker to the club following the return of Bayo Akinfenwa.

The big striker signed a one-year contract at the club on Tuesday following his release from Northampton, bringing Martin Allen's strike force to five, with Danny Kedwell, Myles Weston, Antonio German and Adam Birchall to call on.

However, Gills assistant manager John Schofield revealed there was as yet no name pencilled in to wear the vacant number 10 shirt this season, suggesting the search is still on for another striker.

Fans had hoped that man would be former loanee Cody McDonald, who earlier this week was reported to be training with fellow League One side Shrewsbury Town. Deon Burton's future at the club is also in doubt, with the veteran forward yet to return to training.

Schofield said: "We have got Keds, Birchie and Westy who can play up there – it's exciting. Any two or three of the five is an exciting combination.

"We have got a mixture of power, strength, pace, movement and fox in the box. We have got everything and there's a lot of opportunities to adjust what we are trying to do and win games.

"I probably shouldn't say this, but the gaffer has done the squad list – he's got a rough copy of it and left number 10 spare. He's probably got something up his sleeve – who that is and when that is, who knows? There are certainly squad numbers available. That's as much as I can tell you as that's as much as I know."

As well as German and Akinfenwa, Gills have added midfielder Amine Linganzi to their squad, but he will not be the last.

"There is room for another player to come in, wherever that may be," said Schofield. "We are constantly looking, we are always on the lookout for players. We have got a lot of young players – it's early stages with regards to them. They are looking good and giving us food for thought."

Akinfenwa's return adds presence to the squad, which Schofield feels can only be a positive.

"I think it's no secret that we have got a good recipe the way we play and it's just a question of us improving the ingredients for that recipe," he said. "We identify the players we think are going to improve the squad and without Mr Scally backing us we can't fullfil that.

"We have got five strikers and they are all capable of playing in the first team. In the past the manager has shown he is happy to rotate and change things."

CRICKET

Bat-maker Matt Barton started company Hell4Leather seven years ago

Village batman is taking on the world from his shearing shed



FROM small beginnings in a garden shed, Matt Barton is aiming to carve out a career at the top of the game when it comes to making cricket bats.

What started out as just a curiosity led to the conversion of the family shed, his dad building him a custom press and his product being used by half of Kent's first team.

Seven years on from those experimental days of following 'how to make a cricket bat' videos on the internet, he is shipping his Hell4Leather brand all over the world from the south Kent village of Appledore as well as supplying the whole of his village cricket side with his gear.

It all began when Barton decided to combine his two passions – cricket and carpentry.

"I looked up on the internet how to do it," he said. "There's no training for it. It's a matter of having a go, so I fell into it, really.

"It was not so much about doing it for the money, but it's a passion. It's the skill of it, really. It's a dying art.

"There are 10 people in the UK that make their own bats – probably 50 years ago there were 60 companies or so. Labour is cheaper in India or Pakistan, so it's branched out there."

After starting out with part-made bats, he got his own press, the machine needed to compress the face of the bat, so he could make his own.

"We went up to see the guys we bought the part-made bats from and my dad saw their machine and he made my first press. I was quite lucky my dad did the work cheap.

"A lot of the big companies have had them for years – it's not something that comes up for sale. It's a custom machine – you can't get it from the shops."

Having come up with the concept and made a few bats for friends, he then teamed up with Adam Larking for help with the all-important design work.

"I designed the stickers using clip art," said Barton. "I had the product but not the design. We needed something to stand out.

"We had a catchy name, but I had a bit of luck when I met Adam, who's a partner in it, and he's into graphic design. He did the rest and it's gone from there."

He soon outgrew the shed and in the last year has moved into an old sheep-shearing shed on a farm in the village.

It is not be the kind of factory used by the big names, or a glossy shop front, but among the wood shavings Barton gets away 10 custom-made bats a day. And that is the key point – they are made to order.

"The beauty of having the Kent players is they can come down and see what they want," he said. "It's good for them to see what we're doing.

"The difference with a UK company is if it [the bat] breaks you have the back-up. We give them all a 12-month warranty – if anything happens in that time we can repair it.

"At the end of the day it's a piece of wood. You're going to get problems, but people will always come back.

"We are seven years in and we are getting repeat customers. I had one in the other day that was one of the first I sold – it's repaired and re-stickered every year. It's evolved."

Hell4Leather got the big break when former Kent bowler Robbie Joseph decided its willow was for him.

"A few years ago we made him three or four bats, and if you take a new bat in the dressing room everyone has a look," said Barton. "Then we got Azhar Mahmood on board. We got some good exposure on TV – it was luck, really. When people see it on television, they want to know what the bat is then, and where it's come from. Azhar is like the grandfather of the team. They all say he has the best bat, so it's a good recommendation if he's got it."

Things got even better when the Hell4Leather logo was spotted on television again, this time against England in 2009 when Bangladesh's Rubel Hossain used it to make 13 runs in a Test match.

"Bangladesh were touring and he called up and asked if we wanted to sponsor him," said Barton. "He was playing for Bangladesh against England at Lord's in a Test match.

GOLF

Barham ready to take on the States in cup

KINGS Hill member Benn Barham has secured a place in the prestigious Great Britain and Ireland PGA Cup team.

The former Challenge Tour winner, pictured, has been selected for the team that will compete against their American counterparts for the Llandudno Trophy in September.



The competition is the biennial equivalent of the Ryder Cup but for club professionals.

Barham booked his place in the team, which will be captained by Scotland's Russell Weir for the second successive time, after finishing third at last month's Glenmuir PGA Professional Championship at De Vere Slaley Hall, Northumberland, which will also host the PGA Cup.

The 37-year-old said: "All week I was really motivated to get in the team and I'm really pleased I did it. Playing the Tour regularly is about individual achievements and disappointments – and this isn't.

"I've never really played team golf and I've envied players that have played in the Ryder Cup and those that have been involved in team scenarios, so I'm really looking forward to it."

NON-LEAGUE TALK

Bellamy swaps Fleet for Dover

MATT Bodkin has re-signed for **Margate**.

The midfielder has made 79 appearances for the Ryman Premier side since signing in July 2011.

Ebbsfleet United boss Steve Brown has made his 12th signing of the summer, with Micahel Corcoran joining from Brackley Town.

The 25-year-old midfielder started his career at Cardiff City and has also had a spell at Dover Athletic.

Former Ebbsfleet United midfielder Liam Bellamy has joined team-mates Craig Stone and Nathan Elder at **Dover Athletic.**

The 21-year-old made 39 appearances last season at Stonebridge Road, having started his career at Charlton Athletic as a trainee.

Tonbridge Angels have brought 21-year-old former Angels academy player Luke Blewdon back to the club.

The striker played for Crawley Down Gatwick in the Ryman One South last season.

from his parents' shed and now supplies half of Kent's team and beyond

Picture: ADY KERRY



INTERNET: Watching online videos helped Matt Barton learn how to make bats

"Getting an England Test player would be nice, but it costs money. Someone like Ian Bell would be on a fair whack for using Kookaburra's bats."

The willow used by Hell4Leather is currently brought down from Suffolk, but it has begun planting its own trees on its farm, with more than 200 already in the ground.

However, it is not financially viable to source the handles in England and so they are shipped in from Asia. "We want to be responsible from felling the trees to cutting them up," said Barton. "We planted willows 200 in the winter. It's something we need to concentrate on."

■ **To learn more about Hell4Leather, you can visit www.h4l.co.uk.**

GRAINS, BOW, WEIGHT – WHAT MAKES A BAT?

SO what is the secret of having a successful cricket bat?

Ultimately, the answer depends on who is holding it at the crease, but there are a few signs of quality to pick up on when looking for your next purchase.

There are many questions facing you when deciding which bat to buy, how many grains should it have? Is it better that grains are thick or thin? What about handle shape and weight?

Hell4Leather makes three bats to cater for different needs, with the Tempo, Hattori and Hellfire which can be customised.

H4L's bat guru Matt Barton has all the answers to those questions and also discusses the public trends and who uses which bats.

"It's about education, really," he said. "People will see Kevin Pietersen with an Adidas bat with 10 even grains, and people want it, but it doesn't matter. It's all about how they are made.

"You want straight, even grains – about eight grains – and a clean face.

"The tighter the grains are, the less likely it will last as long. The wider grain is better because of the sap between them.

"The trend these days is a big edge, which comes from people watching the Indian Premier League.

"People also like the bow in the bat – it's gone on from the traditional straight bat."

As well as the edge and the grain, there is also the weight to take notice of, with each player having their own requirements when it comes to the size of the bat.

"Someone like Kent's Brendan Nash is quite a small guy, so he uses a lighter bat," he said.

"Some want a higher middle, and someone like Kent batsman Mike Powell uses a heavier bat.

"Former Kent player Azhar Mahmood has a thin handle. Some like them thicker, and some don't care, as long as it picks up well.

"2lb 8oz to 2lb 10oz is our best-seller – that's the general weight. They can vary by a pound in weight."

A lot of the time, though, it comes down to pure instinct, with customers knowing when they have their weapon of choice from the moment they pick it up.

"People will walk through and think 'Oh, that's a nice bat' and pick it up. It can be all about the look. "There is a lot of emphasis on handles as well now.

"There is a demand for a big bat and so to save weight there is a lighter handle. The willow can only go to certain water content before it breaks, but you can save an ounce or two in the handle."

Players who use Hell4Leather kit

KENT

- Mark Davies
- Charlie Shreck
- Michael Powell
- Brendan Nash
- Ashley Shaw
- Azhar Mahmood (ex-Kent)

HOLLAND

- Wesley Barresi
- Pieter Seelaar

BANGLADESH

- Rubel Hossain



WORLD SUPERBIKE

Camier claims Top 10 double at round seven

LEON Camier came away from the seventh round of the World Superbike Championships in Imola with two seventh-place finishes.

The Ashford rider fought hard in both races as he was hampered by tyre chatter, which caused him speed and power problems in corners.

Frustratingly for the FIXI Crescent Suzuki man, he could well have been challenging for podium positions without those issues.

"For some reason the tyre span on the rim and there was nothing more that I could do because I was pushing so hard and adapting my style to try to cope with the chatter," he said.

"In the parts of the track where I didn't have chatter I was really fast."

ATHLETICS

Gemili improving form ahead of u23 champs

ADAM Gemili continued his build-up to the European Under-23 Championships in Finland in two weeks' time with his fastest legal 100 metres of the year so far.

The Dartford sprinter ran 10.19 seconds into a -0.5m per second headwind to finish fourth at the Ostrava Golden Spike meeting in the Czech Republic.

Fellow Blackheath & Bromley athlete Dina Asher-Smith set a new personal best over the same distance at the Mannheim International in Germany. Her time of 11.38 seconds moves her to the top of the UK under-20 rankings and is a new B&B junior record.

CRICKET

Kent face away days as T20 picks up pace

KENT Spitfires continue their T20 campaign this weekend, taking on Middlesex.

The Spitfires lost their opening two games ahead of their third match against Essex on Friday night at The Spitfire, St Lawrence Ground.

And fans will have to wait until Wednesday, July 15, to see Kent play at home again.

After the jaunt to Middlesex this Sunday, they play away at Essex in the T20 on Monday and then resume their County Championship season against Gloucestershire, in Cheltenham on Wednesday.

James Tredwell's men are yet to win a match in the County Championship and sit bottom of the Division Two table.

Picture: INTERSPORT IMAGES/GB ROWING



RIO: Ransley, centre, is aiming for next Olympics

OYLMPIC FLASHBACK

Ransley: race strategy was never in any doubt

IT has been a year of reflection but not of regret for Olympic bronze-medallist Tom Ransley.

The bar was set for gold standard for the men's eight crew last summer, but after a stubborn fight they finished third, which was never an option as far as Ashford's Ransley was concerned.

Almost a year on from his Olympic moment, he has come to terms with what happened at Eton Dorney as he continues headlong into the next Olympic cycle, having briefly considered whether challenging for Rio was what he truly wanted.

"I have spent plenty of time reflecting on it – could we have done anything different? I think the race strategy was correct. I definitely wouldn't have wanted to race for a silver – that's not how we operate," he said. "It's incredibly painful to have that single chance that happens every four years and miss out. There was a big sense of failure initially."

The process of competing a year after an Olympics was uncharted waters for the 27-year-old, with London being his first Games.

Since that race last August he has continued competing, picking up a gold medal in the World Cup at Eton Dorney last month alongside Herne Bay's Dan Ritchie.

This week he took part in Henley Regatta and next week he continues the World Cup series in Lucerne, Switzerland.

"Doing a full year after an Olympic Games was the only part I hadn't done," he said. "In 2009 I came out of the Cambridge system and broke into the GB team.

"You have to redevelop crews. Our eight was the product of four years of development – it's a process that goes unnoticed."

However, there was time for breath between what happened last August and now.

"I wanted to make it a serious consideration whether to carry on because I don't think you should approach it and represent GB without serious thought," he said. "It's quite difficult on your life outside of rowing."

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